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LIFE IN NEW YORK

As Seen by a Well Known Lowell Man.

TALMAGE'S PECULIAR MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP.

A Word About the Barberi Trial.

Life in the metropolis flows on as it does everywhere else, only in a more intensified degree. Brighter sunshine, darker shadows, more brilliant assemblages, perhaps, but after all things resolve themselves down to about the same level in the end.

Take Broadway and Fifth Avenue and you would take your oath that poverty was unknown, crime a madman's dream, and hunger, sickness and squalor but the result of imagination. Turn to the East Side where sin and death crowd close upon the footsteps of poverty and crime, and you will find it most difficult to believe that the world was other than a perfect babel that began in misery and dragged itself, curse-laden, along the slow passing years, to be lost at last amidst the horrors of the night.

It is the same tale everywhere repeated, London, Paris, New York—and yes, Lowell—the hard drudgery of life for one, and ease and luxury for another. And who shall solve the mystery of it all? Is it my purpose to chronicle the important events that float upon the surface of New York life, pointing here and there a moral, trying now and again to put in a word that may perchance speak to some life, that has found the burden heavy, and the way long.

So the Rev. De Witt Talmage is reported to be about to marry again! With him marriage has not been a failure, at any rate he is now trying it for third time. The young lady is a Miss Susie Mangan, of Sing Sing and the sister of his daughter's husband. Rather complex, is it not? The relationship will stand about this way. Mr. Talmage will become the brother-in-law of his son-in law. The bride in turn will become the step-mother of her sister-in-law, and will be mother-in law to her own brother. Just how they will address each other, will be a matter for the curious. Mr. Talmage is nearly seventy years, while the bride elect is only thirty, and yet society goes on its way smilingly. Funny world isn't it?

Considerable criticism is being called forth by "Opals" by George de Vallière; as elegant a volume as ever came forth from the press.

It is a series of stories of Mexico, written in the most perfect English and of the most entrancing interest. It would be hard to imagine a more artistic creation and the book is well named. It is not exactly for Sunday schools, I suppose, or the goody good people, who are prone to say just what human nature ought to be, and there is a vein of cynicism running through it that many will not fully understand, yet all the same, life is not all as good as it might, as it possibly will be in the sweet by and by, and cynicism is not an unknown quantity by any means. The work will certainly develop great interest in Mexico, and is a credit in every way to those who have produced it. The New Amsterdam Publishing Co., is responsible for the publisher's work and they may well be proud of their achievement.

We are recovering from the horrors of the Barberi trial, which has dragged along for many months, has nauseated everybody. She was tried and convicted months ago, in fact there is every acknowledgment even that she murdered Cataldo in the heat of passion, because he had tired of her. Then a new trial was ordered, and for weeks we were treated to an exhibition of scientific "cranks and fads", unparalled in the history of the world. Nobody pretends to deny that Barberi committed the murder, but her feelings have been analyzed, her head aches counted, her antecedents looked up, etc., etc., to find if possible some plausible excuse for her to escape electrocution. The law is very plain, the penalty is death. Change the law, abolish capital punishment, and instead of killing criminals, seek to discover and eliminate the conditions producing crime. It does not make the matter right, for the state to do in cool blood, what it condemns the prisoner for doing in the heat of passion. All the same, so long as the law stands, it is but just that each criminal should have the same punishment for the same deed.

Some day we shall know more than we do now about all these mysterious manifestations of life, and we shall realize that the man or woman who is not fit to live, is assuredly not ready to die. The numerous murder cases in which justice miscarries offer one of the strongest arguments against the continuance of such a law. It might as well be abolished as so flagrantly evaded.

The weather is like summer, the stores are crowded with people, anxious to invest in the beautiful wares that are placed so temptingly before them, and all things point to the one bright, happy day in the year, which we begin with saying, "Merry Xmas to all!"

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SPECIAL MEETING

Of the Board of Aldermen—Petitions Referred.

The aldermen at a special meeting last evening authorized the board of registrars to commence the recount for mayor in Wards 2 and 5, for aldermen all over the city, and for overseer of the poor in Ward 6.

The following petitions were referred; of J. M. Brooks et als. for a fire alarm box at the corner of Bridge and Fifth streets; of N. P. Jones et als. for the acceptance of a sidewalk in Second avenue; of F. M. Barry et als. for an electric light at the corner of Chelmsford and Howard streets; of the New England Telegraph and Telephone Co. for location of poles on Nesmith and Wyman streets.

The resolution to lay out and accept Townsend avenue was passed, and several reports were ordered to remain in the city clerk's office seven days.

Stricken While at Prayer.

Mr. L. G. Smith of Kennebunkport, Me., now on a visit to 11 Jenness street, was stricken speechless while at prayer one evening. He has partly recovered his voice, but has suffered with such intense pains in the head that at times it was almost unbearable, having one of those attacks last Saturday evening his friend advised him to try Mexican King of Pain. After two applications he experienced such relief that he has not felt better in 20 years. He has called at the office of the Mexican Medicine Co., 32 Central street, to tell them what their remedy has done for him. Free samples of Zyno at their office. All aches and pains cured free of charge.

Silver Wedding Reception.

Mrs. F. E. Battles of 28 Mt. Washington street, gave an enjoyable reception last evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coburn of this city. The affair was entirely informal in nature and was in recognition of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Coburn's marriage. About twenty of the members of the family were present, and the evening was pleasantly spent in music, games and other amusements. Refreshments were served, and it was a late hour when this delightful family reunion came to a close.

Horses Transferred.

The annual transfer of horses from the street watering department to the fire department was made yesterday morning, and from now until the 1st of April the single horse wagon will be drawn by two horses and an extra horse will be seen on nearly all of the double hitches. The street watering department has no further use for the animals and they are loaned to the fire department for their keeping.

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THE FAIR OPENED

In Aid of the Sacred Heart Church.

LARGE GATHERING AT HUNTINGTON HALL.

List of Tables With Ladies in Charge.

The formal opening of the big bazaar and festival in Huntington hall in aid of the Sacred Heart church took place last evening.

The grand concert on Sunday evening, was but the preliminary to the week's series of events, and like the concert, the opening night of the bazaar, was a winner.

The attendance was very large, and the patronage of the various tables quite liberal.

Scores of young ladies pressed their way through the crowd that thronged the floor of the hall and solicited "chances" on articles of value. Others had grab bags, and pretty young misses sold beautiful roses and carnations.

Among the articles on the tables is a beautiful portrait of the late Fr. Burns, O. M. I.

Shortly after eight o'clock the seating capacity of the gallery was taxed and the audience became impatient for the entertainment, which was promised by the Y. M. C. I. Minstrels.

It was nearly nine o'clock when the curtain rolled up on the stage performance. The entertainment was under the direction of Thomas McQuaid, and James Tumolty was accompanist.

The program was as follows: Vocal solos, Thomas McQuaid, John J. Murray, Edward Shea, George Lynch, euphonium solo, Michael Radigan; cornet solo, John J. Hanlon.

Twelve tables prettily decorated were arranged around the hall. In the centre was the candy pagoda decked in bunting of many colors and trimmed with rich lace. The lemonade table too had handsome decorations of lace and bunting.

Those in charge of the tables are:

St. Peter's Table—Mrs. C. J. Scannell, matron; Miss Minnie Nison, assistant; Misses Annie Galley, Mary Scannell, Flora Vaughn, Catherine Scannell, May Galley, Genevieve Smith, Rose Kelly, Rose Smith.

St. Joseph's Table—Mrs. J. Walsh, matron; Mrs. M. Hickey, assistant; the Misses Margaret, Mary, Lizzie Hickey, Margaret, Annie, Katie Walsh.

St. John's Table—Mrs. Mary Marren, matron; Mrs. Annie McHugh, assistant; Misses Jennie Foley, Ellen Spencer, Annie Foley, Annie Coffey, Margaret Foley, Ella Foley, Mr. Simon Brennan, Mrs. Charles Murphy, Mrs. Annie Ward, Misses Isabella Dunlavey, Louise Murphy, Alice Daly, Kate Guthrie.

Children of Mary Table—Miss Mary Fox, matron; Miss Kate Flannagan, assistant; Misses Margaret Fox, Mollie McGann, Lilla Holden, Margaret Griffin.

Art Table—Miss Margaret Fox, matron; Miss Mary Anderson, assistant.

Lemonade Table—M. Jennie McDonald, matron; Mrs. Andrew Murray, Miss Mary McCarthy, Mrs. Elias McQuade, Misses Sadie Ryan, Margaret McCluskey, Kittie Boyle, Teresa Egan, Josephine Thompson, Miss Farley, May Meers, Lizzie Dillon, Josephine Hayes, Kittie Collins, Katie McDonald, Florence McDonald, Miss Donovan, Minnie Mann, Alice Cuff.

Arch Confraternity Table—Mrs. James Sheehan, matron; Mrs. Timothy Lynch, Mrs. Sarah Daly, Miss Mary Fox.

Parish table—Mrs. Frank Wood, Mrs. Peter Donahoe, matrons; Mrs. M. H. Norton, Mrs. Patrick Gookin, Mrs. Thomas Cryan, Mrs. A. Falon, Misses Mary Donnelly, Blanche Wood, Etta Wood, Jennie Gookin, Sadie Hunt, Margaret Driscoll.

Holy Rosary table—Mrs. J. F. Monaghan, Mrs. C. T. Lanoon, matrons; Mrs. Francis Gendron, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Neil, Mrs. Thomas Curry, Mrs. John McKeon, Miss Julia Coffeer.

St. Patrick's Table—Mrs. Thomas Whiston and Mrs. John McMahon; matrons, Mrs. P. H. Moore, Mrs. Kate Smith, Misses Lizzie Whiston and Minnie McGinhon, Mr. Wm. H. Whiston Miss Minnie Whiston.

Candy Table—Miss Mary O'Grady; matron, Misses Mary and Lizzie Hart, Marguerite Callahan, Nellie Roche, Annie Rafferty, Catherine Spencer, Lizzie Sullivan, Teresa Marren, Bessie Nilon, Annie Nelion, Adelaide A. Sullivan, Bridie Sweeney.

Refreshment table—Mrs. Henry Boyle, Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, Mrs. Mary Barrett, Mrs. Patrick Kerwin, Mrs. P. Cusack, Miss Daly, the Misses Bushman, Cunningham, Leahey, Lizzie Haley, Mrs. Jane Schofield.

Holy League table—Mrs. K. Daley, matron; Mrs. Callahan, Misses Jennie McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Sadie Ryan.

Who does your printing? THE SUN job print would do it well and save you money.

ONE WORD TO L'ETOILE

ON ITS DISTORTION AND MISREPRESENTATION

Of the Article Printed in Saturday's Sun Relative to Little Canada—Absolutely Not an Offensive Word Used.

The article in yesterday's issue of L'Etoile relative to the cut and romantic story connected with Little Canada as published in Saturday's Sun, shows that our contemporary is grossly mistaken.

There was not a single word in the article reflecting upon the French people and the effort of L'Etoile to show a malicious intent is decidedly unreasonable and uncalled for.

The last thing the publisher of the Sun would allow in its columns is a word reflecting upon the French people of Lowell. No one connected with the Sun had any intention of caricaturing the French people or reflecting upon them in any manner.

We have always entertained the most friendly feelings for our French fellow citizens and have repeatedly given proof of that in these columns. Any attempt on the part of a newspaper or an individual to make it appear otherwise is utterly unfair and without foundation in fact so far as anything published in the Sun is concerned.

The Sun has done more for the French citizens than has any other paper in Lowell for which we think we are entitled to reasonable consideration at their hands.

Our French contemporary is assuredly laboring under a false impression or else it would not have so distorted an article which any fair minded person will say contained not one offensive word.

IN HYPNOTIC STATE.

Prof. Watson is Either a Great Hypnotist or Has Great Power to Deceive the People.

Prof. Watson, the remarkable hypnotist, drew a large audience, including several prominent physicians to Runels' hall last evening, before whom he performed his usual feats.

Yesterday his principal subject was Mr. King, a Rhode Island man, who slept for four hours in Martin's window. Saturday he slept in Runels' hall from noon until three o'clock. Last evening two good subjects were found in the audience and great interest was aroused. One of Prof. Cadwell's subjects on the occasion of the deceased professor's visit to this city created considerable excitement by challenging Prof. Watson from the floor. In addition to Prof. Watson's entertainment, Prof. McCrann gave an exhibition of legerdermain.

Street Railway Changes.

The cars on the street railroad are again running on half hour time owing to the accident which occurred to the power yesterday. It is expected that the repairs will be finished by tonight. It is a great inconvenience to those living in the outlying districts.

Chronic
Catarrh cannot be cured by local applications. It is a constitutional disease, and requires a constitutional remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which, working through the blood, eradicates the impurity which causes and promotes the disease, and soon effects a permanent cure. At the same time Hood's Sarsaparilla builds up the whole system.
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"I was troubled with catarrh for several years. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and by its use I have been cured. I recommend it to any one who is troubled with catarrh or eczema, and I think a fair trial will convince any one of its merits." HARRY M. GROVES, Carlinville, Illinois.
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TRIBUTE TO FR. CONATY

From the Faculty of Holy Cross College.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 15.—The faculty of Holy Cross college gave a banquet last evening to Rev. Dr. Conaty, the newly appointed rector of the Catholic university at Washington, which was attended by Bishop Beaven and the six surviving members of the class of '69, of which Dr. Conaty was a member, and by all the Catholic pastors and curates of the city. The banquet was followed by a reception by the students and alumni of the college, at which there was a program of addresses and music by the students. After this, congratulatory addresses were made by President Lehy and Bishop Beaven, and Dr. Conaty spoke in acknowledgment.

LUNATIC CAPTURED

After an Exciting Race—Escaped Through a Window.

Taunton, Mass., Dec. 15.—Horatio Wetherell, a lunatic, who was brought here yesterday by officers from his home in Falmouth, eluded his keepers, while eating in a restaurant, and escaped through a window. After an exciting chase over a number of fences and through many back yards, he ran into a house, and was captured in the second story. Wetherell, who is only 30 years old, became insane last Saturday, through his religious exertions. He was committed to the asylum yesterday afternoon.

SUICIDE SURMISED

In the Death of B. D. Bowman of Turner's Falls.

Turner's Falls, Mass., Dec. 15.—D. M. Bowman, aged 68, has disappeared, and it is surmised that he has committed suicide. He was last seen standing on the lower suspension bridge over the Connecticut river, about midnight. His son, Edward, is superintendent of the Niagara Falls Paper company, and a daughter, Mrs. Albert Smith, is the wife of the superintendent of the Montague Paper company of this place.

FILIBUSTER CHASING.

Cruisers Newark and Raleigh at Sea Trying to Catch the Three Friends.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 15.—A special received by The Citizen from Key West states that cruisers Newark and Raleigh received telegraphic instructions from Washington at noon yesterday, and that the cruisers at once put to sea to capture the steamer Three Friends, which left Fernandina at an early hour yesterday morning with a cargo of arms and ammunition, besides about 50 Cubans, to be landed in Cuba.

Instructions were also received for the revenue cutter McLain at Miami and the Winona and Forward at Key West to intercept the Three Friends if possible. Every effort will thus be made to catch the little filibuster, which succeeded in getting away with its cargo, despite the vigilance of the government officials and the Spanish spies. This was done by using the Commodore as a decoy, the Cubans announcing that all of the preparations being made were to send the Commodore with a cargo of arms and ammunition to Cuba. The Commodore lay at its wharf, and no attempt was made to clear from the custom house.

The actual cargo carried by the Three Friends was as follows: Four hundred thousand rounds of ammunition; 1040 rifles; one 12-pound Hotchkiss gun; 200 machetes; 4000 pounds of dynamite, besides a quantity of medicine, provisions, etc.

HARVARD AROUSED.

College Men Go Wild at Mass Meeting in Honor of the Rowing Coach Lehman.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 15.—A rousing mass meeting was held in Sanders theater last evening in honor of R. C. Lehman, Harvard's new rowing coach, who will sail for home on Wednesday. Such intense earnestness and unbounded enthusiasm as was shown last night is without precedent at Harvard. Cheer after cheer fairly shook the auditorium and at the meeting's end Mr. Lehman was cheered to the echo for five successive minutes.

R. C. LEHMAN.

Headed by the college band, the students marched to the theater, which was filled to overflowing by graduates and undergraduates, and many members of the faculty. Major Henry Lee Higginson was the first speaker, and Hon. William Everett followed with one of his inimitable speeches—bright, stirring and eloquent throughout. He introduced Mr. Lehman as a member of his own "Trinity college in Cambridge."

Tumultuous applause greeted Dr. Everett's ringing words, and when Mr. Lehman stepped forward it was the signal for another outburst of prolonged cheering. Mr. Lehman made an impressive, serious speech, which won the hearts of his hearers.

Judgment Against Fitzsimmons.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Judgment was given yesterday in the superior court in favor of Jimmy Carroll, the lightweight pugilist, against Robert Fitzsimmons for $907, for services performed in training Fitzsimmons at New Orleans.

Shoe Manufacturer Assigns.

Danvers, Mass., Dec. 15.—William H. Burns, a shoe manufacturer, has made an assignment. His liabilities are said to be $25,000, with small assets.

Thomas Carolin Dead.

Thomas Carolin, one of the oldest residents of this city, and father of Dr. Wm. T. Carolin, the well known physician, died this morning at his home, 99 Fairmount street.

THEATRICAL NEWS.

The Savoy.

The fact that the Savoy Theatre company was to produce Robertson's great 3-act comedy drew a fair sized and fashionable audience to that cozy playhouse last evening for the initial performance. The play is a remarkably strong one and unusual preparations have been made to make it the success of the season. Its success was not determined last night, however, for fate had decreed differently and at the hour of the rising of the curtain Kendal Weston, the hard working star of the company was not present, having sustained a sudden and severe attack of illness which made his presence impossible despite his great effort to leave his bed and proceed to the theatre.

Shortly after eight o'clock Mr. Herman Eckhardt, the popular manager of the theatre stepped before the footlights and explained the unfortunate turn of affairs begging the indulgence of the audience for the disappointment. He read the following letter which is self-explanatory:

Lowell, Dec. 14, 1896.

Mr. H. Eckhardt:

Dear Sir:—I am very sorry to be obliged to send word to you that it will be an utter impossibility for Mr. Weston to play this evening owing to a sudden attack of sickness.

Respectfully yours,
LEONARD L. HUNTRESS, M. D.

Mr. Eckhard announced that Mr. Fleming had kindly volunteered to read the part, but the management ever striving to please its patrons, decided that no performance would be better than a poor one and had decided to dismiss the house and exchange tickets or refund money as desired.

Mr. Weston appeared at a concert Sunday evening in his usual health and spirits and enjoyed good health Monday morning. But this afternoon he was suddenly taken quite ill though it is hoped and expected that he will be able to appear this evening.

The cast of characters for this week is strong, Miss Cora Edsall, the captivating leading lady being particularly well assigned. The cast is as follows:

Hon. George D'Alroy	Kendal Weston
Capt. Hawtree	Stephen Wright
Eccles	William Burress
Sam Gerridge	Carl Scranton
Marquise de St. Maur	Mrs. Georgia Dickson
Esther Eccles	Cora Edsall
Polly Eccles	Lydia Knott

Music Hall.

Last evening the play entitled Kidnapped drew a large audience and the company gave a very good entertainment.

Owing to a railroad accident the company did not arrive in town until almost 9 o'clock and during the delay the orchestra gave a concert that kept the large audience in good humor until everything was ready for the show to open.

The audience evinced its appreciation by liberal applause and the comedians kept the audience in roars of laughter. The show continues tonight and tomorrow afternoon and evening.

LOCAL NOTES.

The Iron Moulders initiated five candidates last evening.

Concord lodge, Fraternal Helpers, held a short business meeting last evening. Afterwards whist was enjoyed.

Thistle lodge, I. O. G. T., had a lively meeting at Pilgrim hall last evening which wound up with an entertainment.

Edward F. Slattery and James O'Sullivan of this city took part in a no-license rally at Aquinas hall, Cambridgeport, Sunday night.

The union membership contest at the Y. M. C. A. terminated last evening with a turkey supper for the winners and beans for the losers.

Buy one of our nice opal and diamond rings for Christmas presents. Prices very low. Legault & Co., one-price jewelers, 70 Central street.

The musical recital given by Charles V. Barker, pianist, and Herbert Johnson, tenor, of Boston, in Odd Fellows' hall, last evening, was a very delightful musical event.

The Lowell and Reading Street Railway company is making improvements in its plant and will run cars from Lowell to Lynn every 15 minutes if sufficient encouragement is received.

A civil service examination will be held for applicants for the offices of clerks and carriers in the postal service on Feb. 2, 1897. The age limit for candidates for clerks is eighteen years and under 40 years. Per order, A. S. Ashworth, board of examiners.

A SUGGESTION
Are you undecided what to put on the tree for HER? Come in and see our new style of white kid, high heel, pointed toe Slippers.
No. We do not recommend them for December street wear—but for a real dress-up foot ornament they are the handsomest gem that a shoemaker has ever produced.
If the price seems too low for a Xmas present you can pay us twice what we ask and take two pairs.
And for the little one—we have boxes full of Xmas Shoes that will make them dance with joy—the cutest children's felt slippers brown and red with fur trimming and brownie heads, and commencing Wednesday Santa Claus has instructed us to give each good child visiting our store accompanied by its parent a token of his good will.
O'SULLIVAN BROS.
Opposite City Hall.

CLAIMS HIS CHILD.

Ferdinand Ward, Napoleon of Finance, Seeks the Custody of His Son.

New Haven, Dec. 15.—Within a few days Ferdinand Ward, known everywhere as New York's former Napoleon of finance, will appear in the United States court in this city as plaintiff in proceedings to secure the custody of his son, Clarence, and the boy's property. The defendants in the case are Frederick D. Green of Thompson, the boy's uncle and guardian, and the Franklin Trust company of Brooklyn, which now holds the boy's estate in trust.

While Ward was serving a term in Sing Sing prison, for the alleged wrecking of the Marine bank, his wife died, and she left to her son the remnants of her fortune, $55,000 in amount. When Ward was released from prison, he became the guest of Mr. Green in Thompson, and later caused the boy to be abducted and delivered to him in Webster, Mass. Mr. Green finally recovered the boy, and has kept him since. Ward's residence is now in Genesee, N. Y., and he proposes to claim, through the United States court, his son.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The United States cruiser Philadelphia has arrived at Callao.

Omaha's "curfew" ordinance has been declared unconstitutional.

The recovery of Hon. Henry L. Pierce of Boston is said to be doubtful.

Ten million tons of iron were taken out of Lake Superior mines this year.

A boy in Lawrence, Mass., may die from injuries received in a football game.

Secretary Herbert says that the government must pay more for armor plate.

General Weyler, in a signed statement, denies that Maceo was killed by an ambush.

There is a movement to secure the removal of Labor Commissioner Powers of Minnesota.

Charles A. Prouty of Vermont has been appointed an interstate commerce commissioner.

A new $10,000 organ is to be placed in the Harvard Congregational church in Brookline, Mass.

The summer residence of Francis H. Appleton at Lynnfield, Mass., was entered by burglars.

Edward D. Buell of Chicago was chosen manager of the Dartmouth College Baseball team for 1898, by the class of '98, last night.

George L. Catlin of New Jersey, ex-consul at Zurich, died in St. Luke's hospital, in New York, yesterday, as the result of an operation.

There is a persistent rumor in circulation that the French ambassador to England, Baron De Courcel, has resigned.

Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, the German minister for foreign affairs, has been confined to his bed for three days, but his condition has not been serious, and he is now improving.

Representative Treloar of Missouri has introduced a resolution in congress to amend the constitution so as to lengthen the terms of office of the president and senators to eight years, and of representatives to four years.

Princess Wrede, a famous amateur singer, is prosecuting her husband, Prince Adolphe Wrede, who is allied with the highest Russian and German families, for a bigamous marriage in October last at Geneva, with a rich American.

Truant Officer Suspended.

Hartford, Dec. 15.—Thomas R. McClunie, truant officer of this city for the past 10 years, was suspended yesterday afternoon by the board of school visitors, pending public investigation of charges made against him that he had received money from the City hotel for alleged "protection" for the alleged sale of liquor. The charges were made by Andrew F. Gates, who is a member of the board, superintendent of schools and also prosecuting liquor agent. McClunie asserts that there is absolutely no truth in the charges, and claims he is a victim of a conspiracy.

Many Maine People Swindled.

Portland, Me., Dec. 15.—Many people in this city and in the state have been swindled by some person who addressed letters to them signed "Mrs. Gilmore." These letters called the attention of the person to whom they were addressed to the extreme destitution of a family living in Richmond, Ind., and asked for aid for them. In many cases money was sent to the writer of the letters. It is now learned that the whole matter was a unique swindling scheme, to which many persons in Maine have been ready victims.

Governor-Elect Powers Dined.

Portland, Me., Dec. 15.—The Portland club, the principal Republican organization in the city, tendered a complimentary banquet to Governor-elect Powers of Houlton last night, which was an elaborate affair. In the after-dinner speech, Mr. Powers said that he should use his influence with the legislature during the coming winter to secure economic administration in all things.

Ninth Annual Banquet.

Boston, Dec. 15.—The Eastern New England association of the Hartford Theological Seminary association held its ninth annual meeting and banquet at the United States hotel yesterday. Rev. A. C. Thompson, D. D., of Roxbury, presided. The guests of the occasion were Professor Alexander Merriam and Rev. Frank Merriam of the Hartford seminary.

Four Horses Burned to Death.

Boston, Dec. 15.—The brick stable owned by Patrick Meehan on Green street, Jamaica Plain district, was gutted by fire early this morning, and four valuable horses burned to death. Adjoining property was damaged, and a second alarm was given as a precaution. The total damage by the fire was about $7000; insurance unknown.

Christmas Goods Cremated.

Boston, Dec. 15.—Fire almost completely destroyed the large Christmas stock of Japanese goods of Walter M. Hatch, at 45 Summer street, last night, while the thick smoke caused some damage to adjacent stores and the firms in the above floors. The loss will be about $7000.

Summer Residence Burglarized.

Narragansett Pier, R. I., Dec. 15.—The summer residence of Howard Lapsley of New York was entered by burglars and a large quantity of household goods was taken away. From marks found by the police it appears that the thieves were three in number, and that their plunder was taken away in a wagon.

After a hard, busy day most men find it a positive relief to throw off the business coat—and business cares with it—and get into something loose fitting and comfortable.
We know of nothing more suggestive of ease and comfort than a house or smoking jacket.
It's a luxury that costs but little. Plain colors, blue, brown and drab, and small checks. $3.75 to $5.00.
What better Christmas present can you give a man?
PUTNAM & SON,
166 Central Street.

DEATHS.

CAVANAUGH—Margaret Cavanaugh, aged 77 years, died last night at her home, 24 Fulton street. She had lived in Lowell 80 years. Two daughters, Bridget, and Mrs. Mary A. Burns survive her.

POLICE NOTES.

A check on a bank in the state of Washington payable to Mary Potter and duly endorsed has been found on the street and is in the hands of the police.

What Probation Means.

"Your probation never ends here" said Judge Hadley to a drunk and it would be well for all who have the misfortune to get in before His Honor to bear that well in mind and avoid disagreeable consequences in the future. It is generally believed that a week's probation or a month's probation means simply that the offenders so disposed of must walk the straight line for the time of one week or one month as the case may be, while as a matter of fact it means nothing of the kind. A month's probation means that the offender must report monthly until Officer Tuttle sees fit to put the case on file and dispose of it similarly. Then the offender need not report any more but must still be good. A probationer may be reporting for many months or one month and the poor man who thinks that at the end of 30 days he's at liberty to go off on a drunk makes a sad mistake.

Runaway.

A horse attached to a light gig, belonging to Philip Lynch, created considerable disturbance on Central street at about four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The animal became frightened in the vicinity of Chapel Hill, and ran down Central street at a rapid rate. In front of Putnam & Son's clothing store, it struck a large city team and this put an end to its mad flight. Fortunately no one was injured.

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This is election day in Boston. Quincy will be re-elected mayor.

Did you see yesterday's Sun, its pictures and scoops? Watch the Sun for the news.

The police commission of Boston may be shorn of some of its powers. It is becoming obstrusively obnoxious.

There are five parties represented in the national senate, together with David B. Hill, who of late developed into a party by himself and for himself.

Registered letters will be insured to the amount of $10. If such a letter contains $1000 the government will not be responsible for its loss. It is liberal in its own behalf.

Boston will soon have opened her subway, but that will not remove the difficulties of travel. An elevated road in the outskirts and wider streets is bound to come eventually.

The Mayors' club of Massachusetts is in favor of improved city charters with but a single branch. A city council of two branches of which the mayor would be one branch would probably suit their Honors.

We are apprised that an effort will be made by local republicans to have the appointment of the police commission vested in the governor as in Boston and Fall River. That is the rule for cities incapable of governing themselves. Lowell is not of the number.

Senator Peffer asks re-election in Kansas because, in less than six years service, he has delivered 437 speeches, long and short, introduced 202 bills, proposed 94 amendments and has presented 306 petitions. Had he named only the measures that benefited his constituents his record would have dwindled to microscopic proportions.

L. B. Pease, editor and proprietor of the Woonsocket Reporter, is a leading candidate for the position of U. S. printer. He has a strong endorsement for it all over the country. He is all right for it and should have it. Let the New England press push Pease.—Beverly Times.

In what way would the New England press be benefited if Pease were public printer? Would the printing be better or cheaper or would it simply be done by a better or cheaper man? Mr. Pease, no doubt, did some shouting for McKinley, and has a right to a share of the spoils. If the office of public printer will a-Pease him, by all means let him have it.

Haverhill goes no-license. Did the Lowell, Lawrence and Haverhill railroad have a finger in the pie? It will be the gainer. —Lowell Sun.

We think not. Does the Sun know anything to the contrary?—Haverhill Gazette.

We were not in a position to know by what influences the no-license vote was carried in Haverhill, but we do know that the chief gainer in the transaction will be the Lowell, Lawrence and Haverhill Railroad Co., which will have to carry the thirsty Haverhill people to Lawrence to get what the law prohibits openly in Haverhill. We do not believe that the editor of the Gazette favors unnecessary restraint upon personal liberty.

A WAY OUT OF THE DILEMMA.

In the matter of determining his powers under the new charter, Mayor Courtney will have to exercise considerable discretion in order to please all parties.

Indeed it may be doubted whether he could please all parties concerned, but there is one course and only one, which would be accepted as right both by republicans and democrats. To go ahead and make the appointments without consulting any authority but his own judgment, which is as good as that of any lawyer in Lowell, the mayor would probably stir up the ire of republicans.

To refer the legal question to the city solicitor for decision would be highly objectionable to the democracy because, although City Solicitor Qua has been very fair thus far, it would hardly be conceded that he would be entirely free from political influence in deciding such a party question.

The mayor, by such reference, would be accused of shifting responsibility and hiding behind Mr. Qua, as it were, which to him would be very unbecoming.

To avoid this difficulty, he can appoint one officer such as chief of the fire department, superintendent of streets, or any other. Then let the officer to be displaced, bring a test case by instituting quo warranto proceedings in the Supreme court, and the decision will be accepted as that of the highest tribunal in the state and decidedly more entitled to respect and acquiescence than the opinion either of Mayor Courtney or of City Solicitor Qua. Besides it would relieve one or both of them of an unpleasant duty which they may be glad to have lifted off their shoulders. This is the best course, the safest, the fairest.

TOILERS' COUNCIL

American Federation of Labor in Convention.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT GOMPERS IS ENCOURAGING.

An Increase of Membership During Past Year

Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—At the convention of the American Federation of Labor yesterday the committee on credentials made a partial report, seating 118 delegates out of 125. Most of the others had failed to present their credentials to the committee, but there was some bitter contests. Word and Maillison of England and Viljouroux of France were seated, with all the privileges of the American delegates.

When the convention was permanently organized, the partial report of the committee on credentials was adopted. The resolution boycotting non-union newspapers and refusing them representation in the convention was adopted without reference. J. F. O'Sullivan of Boston was the only one asking to be recorded in the negative.

President Gompers appointed the usual 12 standing committees, and then presented his annual report, in part, as follows:

The wrongs of the workers have not yet been obliterated nor their rights attained. The myriads of the toilers of our country observe, with a quickened and a most acute sense, the burdens they have to bear, notwithstanding the marvelous progress which should lighten them. We see our country blossoming forth like a rose, through our handiwork.

By all the memories which binds us to the heroic sacrifices of past struggles of the lowly, by the recognition of the battles fought and won and the wounds received in the battles of our day, by the nobility of our purposes, the freedom for which we strive for all, success is as sure as that night follows day and the day follows night.

In the matter of legislation by congress only fair progress can be reported. There are too few members of congress who are elected upon distinctive labor issues or committed to labor interests, hence the members of congress imagine that the special interests of labor have small need to be considered.

In the matter of legislation in the several states much better progress has been reported. There are few states in which laws have not been passed in the interest of labor. Under the police authority of several states many measures looking to the preservation of health, life and limb of the workers; better sanitary conditions of factory and workshop, alien and factory laws have been enacted. Nearly all the states now have bureaus of labor statistics or factory inspectors. In nearly every instance the officers required to carry out these laws have been appointed from the ranks of labor.

I would recommend that the representatives of this federation be constantly at the seat of the government during the sessions of congress to guard and further the legislation which our organization demands in the interests of labor.

The present year has witnessed little improvement over the two preceding years. While industry and commerce has just about emerged from the panics of 1893-5, the changes or improvements have been very meagre. There has not been that industrial revival looked and hoped for, and which we had a right to anticipate after the crisis through which we have passed.

By dint of energy and perseverance a very large increase in the membership of our general movement has resulted. In round numbers, nearly 100,000 more workers are members of the unions affiliated than was the case a year ago. The report of the secretary shows that 207 charters were issued to local unions, as against 141 in 1895; that 11 international trades unions have become affiliated by charter with the American Federation of Labor, and also 23 Central Labor bodies. This does not include the new locals.

One of the stereotyped arguments which are urged against the trades unions most often is that strikes are old and effete weapons, that they have lost their power to secure permanent or even temporary advantages. As a matter of fact, no one who has devoted thought to our movement but will endeavor by every means within his power to prevent the inauguration of strikes or take such measures as will bring their numbers down to a minimum.

But, to assert that strikes are ineffective, is to assert that which has no foundation in fact. In the very nature of our being, we are determined, as we are justly entitled, to demand a larger share in the product of our labor. We want peace, but we shall insist that peace be maintained consistent with the workings of our orders and those depending upon them. We organize, and the better we are prepared to enter into strikes, the less occasion will we have to resort to them in order to insure success in securing justice to labor. The unions formed by our organizers in Columbus have for a time been diverted from their purpose and turned into machines for theoretical political propaganda. Beyond doubt few, if any, will contend that the workers should refuse to avail themselves of their political rights or fail to endeavor to secure such demands as they make by the exercise of their political power. The fact is that, however, our movement distinctly draws the line between political action in the interest of labor and party political action. This was more particularly emphasized at the last convention, when it was declared as the settled policy of the American trades union movement that party political action of whatever kind shall have no place in the convention of the American Federation of Labor.

As per instructions, the executive early set to work for the purpose of securing some concessions for an eight-hour workday. A number of unions made the demand, and in many instances secured it by strikes. A much larger number, however, had the reduction conceded to them without even the necessity of ceasing their work.

The different recommendations in the annual report of President Gompers were referred to the appropriate committees.

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WILL BE A CANDIDATE.

Joseph H. Choate Desires to Serve as Successor to Senator Hill.

New York, Dec. 15.—Several days ago resolutions were adopted by the Union League club of this city, advocating the election of Joseph H. Choate as United States senator from this state. W. D. Guthrie, who introduced the resolutions, received the following letter from Mr. Choate yesterday:

JOSEPH H. CHOATE.

"You have handed me a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Union League club of the city of New York, and have asked me to declare whether I would be a candidate for the position of United States senator, in accordance with these resolutions.

"In view of the present political condition in this state, I have no hesitation in saying that I will be a candidate, and, if elected, will try to serve the people of the state and the nation to the best of my ability.

"I am deeply grateful for the compliment paid me by the Union League club, foremost, as it has ever been, among organizations devoted to the success of the Republican party, for whose candidates I have voted from the beginning and in whose principles I have always believed. To that party the country must look now, as it ever has, for national safety and prosperity and the preservation of the constitution."

British Soldiers on a Good Time.

Halifax, Dec. 14.—Considerable talk has been created over an incident that has just leaked out in connection with the military on this station. Cambridge fort was the scene of the exciting occurrences. The result was that all the soldiers in the fort were placed under arrest, temporarily. The trouble arose over the damaging and alleged willful destroying of a quantity of powder. It appears that several artillerymen from Fort Ogilvie visited their comrades at the other fort. They imbibed considerable beer, and became reckless, and destroyed the powder. The next day all the men were arrested, and an officer held an inquiry, with the result that a fine was imposed on each man.

Blow at Dramatic Piracy.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The senate yesterday agreed to the house amendments to the copyright bill, which passed the latter body last week. The measure now goes to the president for his signature. The bill makes the piracy of a play a misdemeanor, and an injunction granted by a circuit judge under it is enforceable all over the states. It will thus prevent copyrighted plays from being produced without the authorization of the owners, because an injunction granted in one jurisdiction will be operative in every other jurisdiction of the United States.

Maine's Patrons of Husbandry.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 15.—The annual meeting of the State Grange began here last night at city hall. About 600 patrons from out of town were in attendance, also many citizens of Augusta. Dr. G. M. Twitchell presided. The speakers were Hon. W. S. Choate, mayor of Augusta; C. S. Hichborn, Edward Wiggin, Professor W. W. Stetson and W. J. Thompson. At present there are about 20,000 members in the grange, and the number increases annually. This is intended to be the most successful meeting ever held. All the hotels are filling fast, and it is expected that there will be many arrivals today. The hall and many buildings about town are decorated beautifully. The meeting will continue until Friday.

Estimate of Deficiencies.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The secretary of the treasury sent to congress yesterday the estimates of deficiencies in appropriations amounting to $6,691,632, required to meet urgent demands of the government for the service of the current and prior fiscal years. The deficiency in each department is given as follows: Legislative, $600; treasury, $1,409,812; war, $3,846,600; navy, $700,000; justice, $734,720.

Was Old In Many Ways.

Winston, N. C., Dec. 15.—Rev. William Warren Albea died here Sunday night, aged 86 years. He was the oldest member of the Western North Carolina Methodist Episcopal conference. His name stood at the head of the list for several years. He was also the oldest Mason and Odd Fellow in the state.

Going to the Pole by Balloon.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Godart and Surcouf, the aeronauts, are about to organize a balloon expedition to the North Pole. They state that the idea was first suggested to them, some three years ago, by Watty Wellman, but the idea was given up, owing to the attempt of Professor Andree.

The Enemy Is Ours!

The grippe usually leaves the sufferer in a very feeble condition, with a persistent cough and other premonitory symptoms of pulmonary affection. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup promptly administered at the beginning of an attack of grippe, will forestall that dangerous enemy to life—consumption. Mrs. Maggie Tulga, Ironton, Ohio, says: "It affords me much pleasure to bear testimony to the merits of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. I had been a sufferer from the grippe for a week, I tried a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and after taking it, was completely cured of the dreadful cough and disease. I cheerfully recommend it to all sufferers." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is sold everywhere for 25 cents.

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GENERAL WEYLER

Says Maceo Was Not Killed by Treachery.

BUT WHILE LEADING HIS TROOPS TO BATTLE.

Put Himself at Their Head and Died.

New York, Dec. 15.—The New York World's correspondent at Habana sent last night the following signed statement from General Weyler on Maceo's death:

"Maceo died as a result of the feeble state in which were the insurgents' bands in Habana province. Doubtless, before the sudden attacks and the constant persecution of the battalion of San Quintin, they were losing ground. To reorganize those bands he put himself at their head, and for this he died, together with a number of his officers and men. In the same manner have died many generals in all the wars of the world.

"Maceo was not killed in an ambush. My assertions can be proved by the fact that the Spanish column which fought against his forces had to maintain itself against the fire of the insurgents and the insurgents were strong enough in number to retake the bodies of Maceo and the son of Maximo Gomez, which were carried from the field.

"Maceo was surrounded by his own men, who embarked with him and passed the trocha, it is affirmed by his own physician, Dr. Zertucha.

"It is not true that Maceo was coming from any conference with me. I can prove it with two reasons. The first is that if I was in the province of Pinar del Rio, how could I summon him to the province of Habana? The second is, that knowing myself the situation in which Maceo was in Pinar del Rio, knowing that his situation was so desperate that he asked help from the rebel forces in the other parts of the island, I would not be so innocent as to agree to a conference with him in a place where he would be out of the trocha.

"Once in Habana he would have resolved the problem of breaking the circle in which I had him and his forces in Pinar del Rio.

"Maceo died as all who command forces who at the sight of the enemy fly. This discouraged band he brought to Habana province with the hope of making it fight. Any other chief, in similar circumstances, if his men disbanded would be sure to die, and that is what happened to Maceo."

MACEO'S LAST LETTER.

Writes to the Cuban Junta Words of Highest Praise For General Rivera.

New York, Dec. 15.—The last letter that the Cuban junta in this city received from Gen Antonio Maceo, curiously, contained an estimate of the qualities of General Ruiz Rivera, who, if Maceo has been killed, as is now generally admitted, will succeed to that insurrectionist leader's command. General Maceo wrote:

"Rivera is not only brave, tireless and indomitable, but he is a great tactician. He is a thorough soldier, and has had military advantages enjoyed by but few of the men in my command. He knows the map of Cuba as well as the oldest guide, and can hold Pinar del Rio against the Spanish army for 10 years if necessary.

"His ideas of mountain fighting have always met with my cordial approval, and in those instances where he has been compelled to think and act for himself he has shown a coolness, a wisdom and a strategic talent even superior to my own. On several occasions he has converted defeat into victory. On others, when it looked as if he and a small force were absolutely shut in by a large army, he has escaped without losing a man.

"In establishing his post he has picked out invariably positions that were almost impregnable, and which at the same time permitted him an avenue of escape, in case the worst should come to the worst. In storing and concealing munitions of war and camp equipments he has shown a cunning that at times has made me even laugh. I believe he could conceal a regiment of horses inside of a Spanish army and keep them undiscovered a month.

"He had a great record in the 10-years' war, and since that time has continued his military studies and experience. He was a good organizer and a good disciplinarian, and at the same time is very popular with his men. He is what is called a Yankee in his methods, being very careful of his soldiers, cautious of losing life and extremely strict in keeping the weapons of his men in the best possible order. It is well to write you of these things, because at any moment I am liable to be killed by the enemy, and some one will have to take my place. If it be Rivera I am certain you will have a general of much ability and greatness."

Will Fight For Cuban Freedom.

Boston, Dec. 15.—Eighty-five men, intelligent and well up in military training, left Boston last night, bound for Cuba, where they will fight in the army of the insurgents. They were in command of Lewis Marshall of East Boston, who has seen service in actual warfare. He was a corporal in the Union army during the War of the Rebellion. Since the outbreak of the war in Cuba his sympathies have been with the insurgents, and he has in many ways assisted them materially.

Policemen Guard Our Consulate.

Habana, Dec. 15.—The United States consulate in this city is under a special guard of armed policemen. This precaution is taken by the Spanish authorities owing to the fear that the indignation expressed by Spanish sympathizers against the United States would find vent in an attack upon the consulate. There have been fresh signs of the hostile feeling against the United States in view of the news there of the ardent sympathy felt with the insurgents over the death of Antonio Maceo and the allegations made there of the manner in which he was killed.

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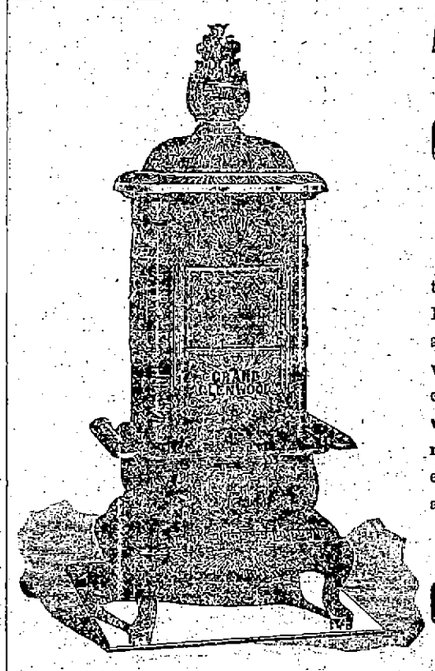

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ON THE TARIFF

Ways and Means Committee Begin Monday.

WILL CONTINUE DAILY FOR TWO WEEKS.

Written Statements May be Sent to Clerk.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The action of the Republican members of the ways and means committee on Saturday last in deciding to give hearings on the new tariff bill which it is proposed to prepare at this session, was formally ratified at the full committee meeting yesterday.

In the debate in the committee, Representative Turner declared that the committee did not have the power to formulate a bill for the next congress. He remarked that if rumor was true, the bill credited to Mr. Dingley might wait until the next administration, when, as secretary of the treasury, he might give advice and instruction to the next congress, which would be called upon to legislate upon it.

Mr. McMillin (Tenn.) argued that there was no present need of increase in the tariff taxes, that the treasury now held about $130,000,000 in addition to the gold reserve.

He said that even if the present rate of deficiencies continued, it would take more than two years to absorb and force into circulation this idle money.

In response to the suggestion that it would be well to increase the gold reserve from $100,000,000 to $150,000,000, and thereby absorb or utilize $50,000,000 of the gold reserve, he said no good could come from keeping more money out of circulation, and said no one hoped or believed that it was possible any tariff bill would be passed this session.

A resolution to adjourn from Dec. 22 to Jan. 5 was agreed to, as was also a resolution offered by Mr. Payne of New York to commence hearings on the bill on Dec. 28. This resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means give public hearings to such persons as desire to be heard on the several schedules of the tariff at the ways and means committee room at 10 o'clock, a. m., as follows:

On Monday, Dec. 28, schedule A, chemicals, oils and paints, and schedule H, spirits, wines and other beverages.

On Tuesday, Dec. 29, schedule I, cotton manufactures, and schedule L, silk and silk goods.

On Wednesday, Dec. 30, schedule E, sugar and molasses.

On Thursday, Dec. 31, Schedule D, wood and manufactures of, and schedule M, pulp, papers and books.

On Saturday, Jan. 2, schedule J, flax, hemp, jute and manufactures of.

On Monday, Jan 4, schedule F, tobacco and manufactures of.

On Tuesday, Jan 5, schedule G, agricultural products and provisions, including live animals, dairy products, fruits, fish, meats, salt, etc.

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, schedule K, wool, and on Thursday, Jan. 7, manufactures of wool.

On Friday, Jan. 8, schedule B, earthenware, glassware, marble and stone.

On Saturday, Jan. 9, schedule C, iron and lead ores, metals and manufactures of.

On Monday, Jan. 11, schedule N, sundries, including buttons, coal, gloves, leather and manufactures of, and free list.

Persons who desire to present a written statement in respect to any of said schedules may forward the same to the clerk of the committee at any time prior to the closing of the hearing, as above.

McKinley Will Visit Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Major William McKinley is coming to Chicago the latter part of this week for a brief visit at the home of Lafayette McWilliams, where Mrs. McKinley has been for several days. How long the president-elect may remain in the city depends very much upon Mrs. McKinley, it is said the main object of his trip here being to accompany her on the return journey to Canton. According to the present program the president-elect will arrive in the city not earlier than next Thursday, not later than Friday night. Circumstances may arise which will change the time of his arrival.

Brazil Accepts Rules of the Sea.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Secretary Olney has received a cablegram from the United States legation at Petropolis, Brazil, announcing that Brazil has accepted the rules for the prevention of collisions at sea, framed at the maritime conference held at Washington. The chief maritime nations of the world now have given their assent to the new international rules, and they will go into effect on July 1, next year, a humane end that has been reached only after protracted negotiations.

Prize Winners Receive Their Cash.

New York, Dec. 15.—The prize winners in the last six-days bicycle race received their shares of the gate money yesterday. Hale was paid $1300, Rice $500, Reading $450, Forster $350, Schock $300, Pierce $200, Smith $150, Taylor $150 and Ashinger and Moore $100 each. Although not entitled to prizes, the management gave Maddox, Cassidy, Gannon, McLeod and Glyck $75 each.

Died a Horrible Death.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Alice Thomas, a colored woman, who is known to be over 102 years old, was fatally burned yesterday. She fell against the stove, and not having strength to summon outside assistance, there being no one else at the house at the time, died a horrible death.

Dr. Zertucha's Latest.

Madrid, Dec. 15.—A long story of the circumstances attending the death of Antonio Maceo, by Dr. Zertucha, his physician, is published here. It concludes with saying: "Maceo always admired the bravery of the Spaniards, and had little liking for Americans."

President's Shooting Trip.

Georgetown, S. C., Dec. 15.—President Cleveland is at the hunting grounds of General E. P. Alexander, whose guest he will be while here. The shooting yesterday was unsatisfactory, the weather being entirely too mild to bring the ducks within range.

Hanlan Wants a Race.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Edward Hanlan, the oarsman, will visit England this coming spring. He has been trying to arrange sculling races with Barry, Harding and others. Joseph E. Seagram of Waterloo is willing to back Hanlan against scullers on the other side of the ocean.

HE HASN'T HEARD OF IT.

But It Is Said Hay Brown of Lancaster May Be McKinley's Attorney General.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 15.—Hay Brown, when questioned last night in reference to the printed report that he has been selected as attorney general by President-elect McKinley, declared that he knew nothing whatever about the matter, save what he had heard was printed in an afternoon newspaper. He had had no conversation upon the subject, either with the president-elect, with National Chairman Hanna, or any one else. He declined to say whether he would accept the appointment.

Persons close to Mr. Brown profess to believe that he would decline the tender of any public place, and point to the fact that about a year ago he refused the chief justiceship of the state superior court when proffered by Governor Hastings. There are many, however, who are inclined to believe that Mr. Brown would waive his objection to a political position in the event of a proffer so distinctly in the scope of his profession as the attorney generalship.

A few years ago he was strongly urged for a place on the supreme bench of the United States when a vacancy occurred in that tribunal, and both Senators Cameron and Quay were his staunch backers. Mr. Brown is regarded here as the particular personal friend of Senator Cameron, while his familiar relation to Quay is evidenced by the fact that he accompanied the latter on his historic visit to Canton during the canvass for the Republican presidential nomination, and is believed to have been largely instrumental in arranging an amicable understanding between Senator Quay and Major McKinley. He is also on terms of close friendship with Chris Magee of Pittsburg.

Mr. Brown is about 47 years of age and unmarried, though his engagement to a prominent young society belle of this city was recently announced, and the wedding is said to be close at hand. He is a native of York county, but has been practicing law here since his admission to the bar. He is the law partner of W. U. Hensel, who was attorney general of Pennsylvania in Governor Pattison's last cabinet.

Decision Against Worcester.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 15.—Justice Barker of the supreme court has handed down a decision in the suit of the town of Millbury against the city of Worcester to compel the city to purify its sewage before emptying it into the Blackstone river. The contention of the plaintiffs was that the city was not complying with the statute of 1886. The court found that the sewage purification work of the city is not effectual, and has ordered the city to report to the court within three months what further steps it is taking, or proposes to take, to comply with the statute. The case is retained in court for such further proceedings as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of the law.

Not Offered to Dingley.

Cleveland, Dec. 15.—National Chairman M. A. Hanna was back at his office desk again yesterday, busily engaged in attending to a large accumulation of mail. He positively declined to discuss cabinet or other political subjects. A gentleman who is very close to the president-elect, as well as to the national chairman, stated that he knew for a certainty that the treasury portfolio had not been offered to Mr. Dingley, as has been reported.

Commission Merchant Dead.

Boston, Dec. 15.—Charles H. Clark, 52 years old, of the firm of Nelson & Clark, one of the largest commission houses in this section of the country, died at his home in Charlestown, here, yesterday. He was born in Brookfield, Vt., April 27, 1844. When he was a young man he left his country home and settled in Boston. Mr. Clark was a prominent member of several social and fraternal organizations, among them being the Owls, Ancient and Honorable Artillery, Fusileers, 999th Artillery association and the Masonic order.

Chapman Did Not Appear.

Washington, Dec. 15.—It was expected, in view of the decision of the supreme court refusing a writ of error in his case, that Elverton R. Chapman of New York, the recalcitrant Sugar trust investigation witness, would surrender himself yesterday to the district marshal. He did not, however, put in an appearance at the courthouse. District Attorney Birney appears anxious to hurry matters, but cannot do anything until the supreme court mandate in the writ of error petition is handed down.

The Casket Was Broken Open.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 15.—During the funeral services over the body of J. Frank Williams, a prominent citizen of Seaford, at that place yesterday, the floor of the room where they were being held gave way, and precipitated the entire party a distance of eight feet into the cellar. The casket was broken open and the corpse rolled out. Several women fainted and great excitement prevailed, but no one was seriously injured.

Boston's Asphyxiation Victims.

Boston, Dec. 15.—The body of Miss Mary L. Collins, one of the victims of Friday night's asphyxiation at 47 St. Botolph street, was shipped to the home of her people in Kentucky, for burial, yesterday. The body of Samuel P. Putnam, the other victim, still lies at the undertaking rooms, wheer services will be held today at 2 o'clock, for immediate friends only. The body will then be taken to Forest Hills and cremated.

Ready to Go to Cuba.

Denver, Dec. 15.—Launcelot E. Dawson, a prominent physician and surgeon for many of the principal mining companies at Creede, and for the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad company at that place, has written Colonel John McAndrew of the Cuban volunteers, here, offering his services as surgeon of the regiment.

Citizens Will Receive the Governor.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 15.—The time-honored custom of an inauguration reception tendered by the governor to the citizens of New Hampshire is to be changed at the coming inauguration. Governor-elect Ramsdell will be the recipient of a reception by the citizens of Concord.

Three New Fruit Steamers.

Boston, Dec. 15.—The fleet of fruit steamers controlled by the Boston Fruit company of this city will shortly be augmented by the addition of three new steamers, which for convenience and improved facilities for carrying and handling perishable fruit will far surpass anything now engaged in the trade. The first of the new trio was successfully launched last Saturday afternoon.

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR PRESERVES THE Natural Color of the Hair

CONGRESS TO ACT

On the Immigration Bill Thursday.

THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT OF ITS PASSAGE.

Morse Liquor Bill Occupies the House.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The final vote on the immigration bill will be taken in the senate next Thursday at 4 p. m., according to an agreement reached yesterday. Little doubt is entertained as to the passage of the measure, and as it already has passed the house, it will be in conference before the holidays.

Mr. Call (Dem., Fla.) renewed attention to the Cuban question by three resolutions, one being a bitter denunciation of the manner in which it is alleged General Antonio Maceo had been killed, while under a flag of truce. Other resolutions by Mr. Call requested the president to demand the release of prisoners at the Spanish penal settlement on the Island of Ceuta, and also asked the secretary of state for a list of Americans held in Spanish prisons. The Call resolutions went to the committee on foreign relations.

Several spirited political colliquies occurred on the floor during the day. Mr. Allen's speech, protesting against intemperate criticism of Populism in Nebraska, led to a passage between him and Mr. Hoar, in which the Massachusetts senator declared that it was a new and novel departure for senators to appear as the representatives of political parties, instead of representatives of their states. In the course of Mr. Allen's remarks, he paid a glowing tribute to William J. Bryan, as the foremost citizen of Nebraska, and the greatest orator since the days of Webster and Clay. Later in the day, Mr. Chandler and Mr. Mitchell had a good natured encounter.

The executive session of the senate was devoted almost entirely to the receipt of reports on nominations made by committees, a large share of those made coming from the committee on judiciary, which met yesterday. Among those on which favorable reports were made was that of Hon. Charles G. Nott, to be chief justice of the court of claims; of Hon. John H. Rogers, to succeed the late Judge Parker, as judge of the western district of Arkansas, and of W. B. Childers, as district attorney for New Mexico. Childers' nomination is among those which failed of confirmation last session, because of the opposition of Delegate Catron, which has now been withdrawn.

Among the nominations not reported yesterday were those of Judge Howry of Mississippi, to a place on the court of claims bench, and George F. Moore, to succeed Henry D. Clayton, as district attorney for the district of Alabama. There is opposition to Moore on the part of the friends of Clayton, who was removed during the last campaign, because he accepted a congressional nomination as a Silver Democrat.

Beyond agreeing to a resolution for a two weeks' holiday recess, beginning Dec. 22, the proceedings in the house yesterday were almost entirely devoid of public interest. Most of the day was spent in a struggle over the bill of Mr. Morse (Mass.) to render the laws relating to the sale of intoxicants in the District of Columbia more stringent. The opposition was inclined to filibuster against it, but it was finally passed. The president's veto of a bill to pension Lydia A. Taft, a "divorced widow," was sustained, 93 to 85, two not voting to override the disapproval. Several minor relief bills were passed.

Cable Cars Collided.

St. Paul, Dec. 15.—A serious accident occurred in this city last night on the Selby Avenue hill, two cable trains colliding, and very seriously injuring Miss Julia Holmberg, Miss Anna Munson and Henry B. Young, while a large number of others were less seriously injured. A cable train got away from control of the brakes and crashed into an ascending train at the foot of the hill at Pleasant avenue. A number of passengers jumped and escaped serious injury.

Marcus Hook Excited.

Marcus Hook, Pa., Dec. 15.—This little town was literally ablaze last night with indignation against Spain. Fully 2000 citizens of the place of Chester held a parade. Speeches in denunciation of Spain were made, and as a denouncement an effigy of Weyler was rigged up on a pole, fired at from many revolvers and finally burned, together with a Spanish flag. Intense excitement prevailed during the demonstration.

Princeton's Chess Players.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 15.—The following men were chosen yesterday to represent Princeton in the chess tournament with Harvard during the holidays: Seymour, '98; Young, '99. Seymour has taken part in the intercollegiate chess tournament for three years. Young is a new player.

Jealousy Was the Cause.

New York, Dec. 15.—Albert Schluss, said to belong to a good family in Germany, committed suicide yesterday, after shooting Margaret Peters, with whom he had been living, and by whose earnings he was supported. The woman will probably recover. Jealousy was the cause.

Denial From Governor Morton.

New York, Dec. 15.—Governor Morton denies explicitly that he has sent a message to President Cleveland, suggesting that he invite President-elect McKinley to Washington for the purpose of conferring on the Cuban situation.

Appeal For the Armenian Race.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Alphonse Daudet, Emile Zola, Aurelin Scholl, Francois Coppee and other notable personages have signed an appeal to the government to take action toward saving the Armenian race.

Connolly to Fight Burge.

London, Dec. 15.—Dick Burge of England and Eddie Connolly of Boston have signed articles of agreement for a boxing match before the Olympic club of Birmingham on Jan. 28 for £1000.

Asks For a Receiver.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Stewart has asked for a receiver for his paper, The Silver Knight. He places the liabilities of the concern at $8000, beside $15,000 which he advanced himself.

Russian Police Make Arrests.

Moscow, Dec. 15.—The police have seized a number of political letters and papers at the students' lodgings, and have made 40 more arrests.

BUTLER BOYS BACK.

Tell About the Same Story as Other Bicyclists Who Have Visited Europe.

New York, Dec. 15.—Another team of American bicyclists has returned from Europe with about the same story as has been told by all of the teams that have invaded European shores for the past two years.

When Tom and Nat Butler, two of the fastest men in America, left for Europe on Oct. 1, with their trainer and manager, McLeish, they hoped to convince the foreigners, and particularly the Frenchmen, that Americans were not so easy as they had been led to believe by the easy manner in which Americans had been defeated in Europe within the last two years. But the Butler brothers returned Sunday, after a sadly disastrous trip.

"The only reason for our return," said Manager McLeish, "was that Tom was taken sick when London was reached and was unable to make a creditable showing against the foreign riders. He only started in one race, and in that race was so badly beaten that I did not think it advisable to enter him in another, and concluded to return home and possibly take him abroad next summer.

"Nat Butler started in two handicap races; ran second in one trial heat and third in the other, starting on both occasions from scratch. He was handicapped too heavily, and had no chance to qualify in the final heat of either race.

"The report that we had trouble with the track managers in Paris is without foundation. Nat agreed with the manager of the Velodrome de la Seine that he would make his initial appearance in France at that track. On learning of this arrangement the managers of the Winter track said he would have neither of the Butler boys appear at any of his tracks if they made their first appearance at the Velodrome de la Seine, which is an outdoor track. As the latter was to have but one more meet, while at the indoor tracks there would be racing all winter, Nat decided that it would be better for him to cancel his engagement. There had been no written agreement for his appearance, and when he explained matters to the managers of the outdoor track they agreed to release him from his verbal agreement.

"It is not unlikely that we shall go abroad again next summer, when I hope to see both of the Butler brothers make a better showing than they did on their first visit."

Republican Congressional Committee.

Washington, Dec. 15.—A special meeting of the executive committee of the Republican congressional campaign committee will be held this week, to consider the project for maintaining permanent headquarters in Washington, which will probably be adopted. Representative Babcock of Wisconsin, the chairman, and Representative Apsley of Massachusetts, vice chairman of the committee, both announce that they will decline to serve longer in their positions. Representative Mercer of Nebraska will probably continue in the position of secretary. Representative Hull of Iowa is talked for chairman, to succeed Mr. Babcock.

Watson Contests Black's Seat.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Hon. Thomas Watson of Georgia, recently Populist candidate for vice president, will appear before the committee on election on Jan. 8, to contest the title of the seat now held by Judge Black in the house. Judge Black was elected to this congress over Mr. Watson, but the Populist candidate charged that the election was procured by fraud, so Judge Black resigned, and was re-elected in a special election held Oct. 2, 1895, by a majority of 1500. Mr. Watson contends that the second election was also secured by fraud.

Insane With Religious Frenzy.

New York, Dec. 15.—At Vineland, N. J., yesterday afternoon a crowd of armed men battered down the door of the home of Luigi Jorio, cut through the cellar, and after a terrific struggle captured Antonio Jorio, who had brutally murdered his father. In the cellar with the murderer were his mother and his brother, all insane with religious frenzy.

An Unknown Man Killed.

Boston, Dec. 15.—An unknown man was struck by a train at Hogg's bridge, Jamaica Plain, last night. The body is at the morgue.

Daughter Claims First Payment.

Amesbury, Mass., Dec. 15.—The payment of the $50,000 bequest to the poor of the town of Salisbury, made by the late millionaire, William Hilton of Boston, has been delayed again on the claim of attorneys retained in behalf of a daughter of Mr. Hilton. The lawyers argue that her bequest should be first paid, and the deficiency caused by the decrease of the value of Mr. Hilton's estate should be made up to the daughter out of the public bequest.

Principal of Dean Academy Resigns.

Franklin, Mass., Dec. 15.—Lester L. Burrington, A. M., principal of Dean academy, tendered his resignation to the board of trustees of that institution yesterday morning. Professor Burrington has been forced to take this action on account of continued ill-health and the imperative demand of his physicians that he must cease work at once. Professor Burrington has been connected with Dean academy for 21 years, 17½ years of which he acted as principal.

Manuel Sanrez Reported Dead.

Habana, Dec. 15.—Private advices give assurance of the death, from dysentery, of the well known insurgent general, Manuel Suarez, who had been a protege of Martinez Campos since the peace of Zanjon. He still had General Campos' confidence at Villa Clara, previous to the general's voyage to Manzanillo, but at that time he proved so traitorous as almost to lead to the death of Campos at Parelejo.

Don Carlos Will Abdicate.

Madrid, Dec. 15.—A dispatch to The Imparcial from Rome says that Don Carlos, the pretender to the throne of Spain, intends to abdicate his claims in favor of his son, Don Jaime.

Fall Fractured His Skull.

Webster, N. H., Dec. 15.—Edward French, aged 65 years, fell from a cart yesterday afternoon and fractured his skull. He died in a few hours. He was a 'forty-niner.

Worcester's Finest Get a Raise.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 15.—The city council last night voted to increase the pay of the patrolmen of the police department from $2.50 per day to $2.75. Hereafter, all members appointed to the police department shall receive $2.25 the first year, $2.50 the second and $2.75 thereafter.

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HOUSE DECLINES

To Act Upon the Cuban Question.

THE LEADERS ARE VERY CONSERVATIVE.

They Are Opposed to Any Intervention.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The reported assassination of Maceo has rekindled interest in the Cuban question in the house, although it is hardly likely that the interest will be productive of any legislative action. Members are unanimous in denouncing the method by which it is claimed the Cuban leader was entrapped to his death, although many of them say that the information up to date is insufficient to justify any assumption by congress that Maceo was assassinated.

Several joint resolutions calling for the recognition of the independence and of the belligerency of the revolutionists have been referred to the house committee on foreign affairs. Chairman Hitt of that committee says that a meeting will be called this week to take up the diplomatic appropriation bill and to consider general business. It is probable that the Cuban partisans on the committee will endeavor to bring up their projects for recognition, and there will be a discussion, if nothing more, of the question.

The house leaders are disposed to be very conservative in their treatment of this question, and most of them believe, with President Cleveland, that there should be no intervention by this congress. This is understood to be the position held by Speaker Reed and Chairman Hitt.

Messrs. Hitt, Draper and Adams constitute the standing sub-committee on Cuba of the foreign affairs committee. General Draper said yesterday that the conflicting reports left him in doubt whether Maceo had been assassinated or whether he was really dead. He thought it quite probable that President Cleveland's assertion, that the conflict had become one of wanton murder on both sides, might be correct. He saw no possible outcome of the revolution but the final victory of Spain, or intervention by the United States. General Draper is still opposed to intervention, as he was in the last congress. Representative McCreary of Kentucky, formerly chairman of the committee, said that the killing of Maceo was a great outrage, if it had been perpetrated as reported. Such a violation of faith should never occur during the civil war, he said.

There was much talk about the house that there should be an investigation of the circumstances of Maceo's death, but congress could hardly conduct a satisfactory inquiry, even if it had authority for such proceeding under international law. It is quite probable that the state department will be called upon to furnish all the information it has concerning the affair. Without the action of the foreign affairs committee and the committee on rules, Cuba cannot be brought forward in the house, and it is decidedly uncertain whether any rule can be secured from the latter committee, even if the former acts.

Representative W. V. Howard of Alabama has introduced a resolution recognizing the republic of Cuba as a free and independent government.

Spain Will Go Slow.

Madrid, Dec. 15.—The newspapers of this city confirm the statement that the Spanish ministers, at the cabinet council, will postpone taking any decision in regard to the statements made by President Cleveland on the Cuban situation in his recent message to congress. The government here will await the arrival by mail of the text of the president's message before taking any action in the matter.

Boston Will Hold Cuban Aid Fair.

Boston, Dec. 15.—A fair, the proceeds of which will be used to help the distressed patriots who are fighting for liberty in Cuba, will be held in this city in February.

Cunningham In Custody.

Cleveland, Dec. 15.—Charles N. Cunningham, president of the Warwick Electric Manufacturing company, for whom a warrant was issued on Saturday, charging him with the forging of the name of Judge E. T. Hamilton to a check for $75,000, was taken into custody at his office in the Beckman building yesterday. He positively refuses to make any statement whatever concerning the matter. Many persons believe that Cunningham's mind has become unbalanced over business troubles.

Fire In Cotton Storeroom.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 15.—The fire department was called twice to the City Manufacturing company's mill last night to extinguish a fire in the cotton in the storeroom. The first blaze was subdued without trouble, but the fire broke out again, and caused a loss of several thousand dollars.

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By Associated Press to the Sun.

Denver, Col., Dec. 14.—It is claimed by the leaders of the movement to send troops from Colorado to fight for Cuban independence, that more than 1000 names are already enrolled. John McAndrews, middle of road populist candidate for attorney general at the recent election, has been chosen commander, with the title of colonel.

An International Strike.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Glasgow, Dec. 14.—The members of the Sailors and Firemen's union of the Clyde have decided to strike if not granted an increase tomorrow. In event of the strike the dockers along New York and Jersey coasts will refuse to unload vessels from Glascow.

CAR SERVICE HURT.

Power is Such That Cars Run Only on Half Hour Time.

The Lowell & Suburban street railway is in hard luck today owing to a difficulty with the power which necessitates running only on half hour time. The cars were all stopped for a few hours this morning. The railroad is hustling to repair the injury as soon as possible.

DRACUT TOWN HALL.

Another Hitch in the Proceedings—The Town Cannot Legally Borrow Money.

Twice have the "hoodlums" and the "yokels" fought the battle of the Dracut town hall, and twice have the Ames lotters licked the Fannie Hall lotters; but alas, the alack! 'twas a hollow victory the Ames lotters won, for George J. Carney, treasurer of Lowell Institution for Savings, steps in and knocks everything higher than a cocked chapeau.

On Saturday when the town treasurer went to the Institution of Savings to borrow the necessary $6000 he was refused the money by Treasurer Carney, who claimed that the warrant or some other old thing pertaining to the money, was illegally drawn. The town treasurer maintained that the resolution had been drawn by Burke, Marshall & Corbett, and approved by Lawyer Hamblett for the bank but all that cut no figure with George J. Carney. It didn't suit him and that settled it.

The town treasurer hied himself back to Dracut, and imparted the doleful news to his constituents. As a result there will be another town meeting, and a whole lot more of fun, for the Center people will try to carry the meeting for their lot.

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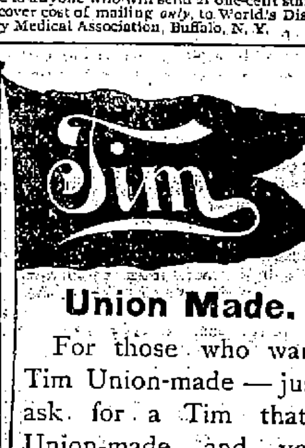

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Taken on a writ in favor of Lowell Packing & Provision company vs. I. B. Honeywell, of said Lowell, issued out of the police court of Lowell, and returnable to the said police court on the fourth Saturday of December, A. D., 1896, and will be sold at public auction (by consent of the attached debtor) on Wednesday, the 16th day of December current, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, on the premises on Broadway, a few steps from Willie Street, in said Lowell, the entire stock of groceries, provisions, etc., also fixtures, including scales, etc.

Immediately after will be sold, one horse, one wagon, and one sleigh.

E. E. MANSUR, Constable of Lowell.
DONOVAN & MANSUR, Auctioneers.

WANT COLUMN.

LOST—A dog, all white except a black spot around eye and ear. The finder can leave at Sun office and get rewarded.

LOST—Saturday, a. m., Dec. 12, a sum of money inclosed in a leather case, name owner on inside of cover. Please return to Middlesex Steam laundry, 140 Middlesex street, and be rewarded.

WANTED—Good man to take agency for Dirigo cream in Lowell and vicinity. Address, Dirigo Creamery Co., Beverly, Mass.

LADIES TO WRITE for us at home. No canvassing. Reply, enclosing stamp, Silver Fern Co., Aurora, Indiana.

TO LET—4 room flat at 634 Broadway.

TO LET—Sunny five room tenement on Moody street. Enquire at 821 Merrimack street.

TO LET—Very pleasant and sunny rooms newly furnished at 404 Bridge street.

WANTED—500 Ladies to call at the Union Supply, 65 Merrimack street, up one flight, room 2, to get dressed in good style. The best of garments, mackintoshes, dresses, wrappers and millinery. Cash or credit. Lowest of prices. Over Central Savings bank.

GOOD INVESTMENT.—500 shares stock in active company for sale at $4 per share, must be sold to settle estate. Address post office box 1804, Boston.

FOR SALE—Near Chelmsford street. Good cottage house, near mills. Price, $1000. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—A position as stenographer and typewriter; experienced; mercantile or legal work; can give good recommendation; also good references. Address R, Sun office, Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE—In Centralville, 7 room cottage house, in good repair, 5 minutes walk to mills. This is a bargain. Price, $1800. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, a two-tenement house near new bridge. This is an excellent chance to buy a home and on easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—Your child to have Rosy Cheeks, Pure Blood, to rest well. Get a box of the Athon Worm and Scrofula Tablets at all druggists. Price 25c., prepaid, by the Lowell Chemistry Co.

FOR SALE—Just the place you want to make money on a 4 tenement block in Belvidere. Pays 12 per cent. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

LADIES—Chichester's English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best. Safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c., stamps, for particulars. "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

DR. CATON'S TANSY PILLS for Ladies never fail. Get the genuine and avoid disappointment. $1, all druggists or direct. DR. R. F. CATON, Boston, Mass.

FOR SALE—Good boarding and lodging house near John street. All new furniture and in good shape. 50 boarders. This is an excellent location for Business. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

ALL LADIES having a few hours leisure each day should write me at once, regarding pleasant home work which easily pays $18 weekly. This is no deception and will certainly pay you to investigate. Reply with stamped envelop. Mrs. S. A. Stebbins, Lawrence, Mich.

WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred P. Lew's Dye house and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 477 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

SAVOY THEATRE

Kendal Weston, Mgr.

Week Beginning Monday, Dec. 14th.

The Savoy Theatre Co. in a Brilliant Production of Robertson's great 3-act Comedy,

"CASTE"

"True hearts are more than coronets, and simple faith than Norman blood."

Produced with the most careful attention to detail and appointments.

Matinee prices: Lower floor, 25c.; Balcony, 15c. Evening prices, 15, 25, 35 and 50c. Box seats, 75c. Evenings at 8 o'clock. Wednesday and Saturday Matinees at 2.30. Carriages at 10.30 p. m. Seats on sale at theatre one week in advance. Box office open from 10 a. m. to 9.30 p. m. Telephone 609-5. Tickets will be reserved until within 15 minutes of time of performance.

Friday Night Souvenirs—Every lady in the audience Friday evening will receive an autograph-photograph of Mrs. Georgie Dickson.

NEXT WEEK—Wallack's Greatest of Military Plays, "Rosedale."

Music Hall

Dec. 14, 15, 16th.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with Wednesday Matinee, the Big Realistic Production,

"KIDNAPPED"

With the author, DAVID HIGGINS, as "OUR GERMAN FRIEND."

A vivid picture of New York life. Vigorous, thrilling and picturesque. Realistic and sensational. A carload of special scenery.

Three Nights Beginning Thursday, December 17th. Matinee Saturday.

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125,000 people attended the receptions of Nana during the brilliant engagement of 30 weeks in Boston, including many of the best known Ladies and Gentlemen of that highly-cultured city. Nana has been exhibited in every quarter of the civilized globe, and has been unanimously declared by press, People and Critics everywhere, to be the most wonderful picture ever painted. It is from the brush of Marcel de Suchorowsky, of the St. Petersburg Academy, most famous of the great school of Russian realistic artists.

There is but one Nana, and there is no other Picture like it.

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THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:07; sets, 4:13.
Length of day—9h. 6m.
Moon sets—2:50 a. m.
Full sea—7:45 a. m.; 8:15 p. m.

Forecast for New England: Fair during the day, followed by threatening weather in southern portion; colder in southeast portion; winds shifting to northeasterly.

LOCAL NEWS.

Always wins, Old Hundred.

T. C. Lee, fire insurance, Donovan bl'd.

Col. C. A. R. Dinoon has returned from a two weeks trip in the South.

The Girls' Friendly society of St. Anne's church gave an entertainment in the vestry last evening.

The many friends of Mrs. John Fox will be pleased to hear that she is slowly recovering from her long siege of illness.

The December meeting of the board of trade will be held this evening at 8 o'clock and the secretary will review the municipal work of the last four years.

Dave Wallace of the Waverly house is in Newburyport at the election which is held there today. Several Boston voters working here are at their homes today to cast their votes.

Smokers', attention is called to misleading imitations of the popular 7-20-4, 10c. cigar. See that every cigar is branded 7-20-4, which is a guarantee of imported filled and wrapper and strictly hand-made.

£ Xmas Drafts £.

For sale payable in Ireland, England and Scotland at Murphy's agency, 18 Appleton street. 25 years in the business.

For Women.

The Y. W. C. A. will open a gymnasium for women and children in the Shattuck block on Central street next month. The gymnasium will be located in the quarters formerly occupied by the telephone company and they will be fitted up and furnished with proper apparatus.

A Dinner Party.

The Progressive dinner party given last night by Mr. Edward H. Shattuck at his home on Andover street, in honor of his brother, Mr. George B. Shattuck, who is to be married on Wednesday to Miss Annie E. Gibson, was a very delightful affair for the thirty guests who were entertained.

BOWLING NEWS.

At the Highland club last evening Team Two defeated Team Seven 2150 to 2140.

The Vesper tournament game resulted in a victory for Team One over Team Seven 2241 to 2162.

In the Bankers' game Team Five lost to Team One 1710 to 1733.

The Firemen won a victory from the Young Fellows 2486 to 2417.

CITY HALL NOTES.

Tonight's meeting will be the last regular meeting of the aldermen for this year. The only member of this year's board who will sit in the aldermanic chamber next year will be Alderman Howe.

Some republicans who believe that the election of city officials will be vested in the city council next year are candidates for places now held by republicans. Among those who will have competitors in their own ranks are Supt. Cheney, Supt. Varnum and City Solicitor Cox.

The lands and buildings committee met last night and voted to have the ceiling of the new Bartlett school plastered with adamant.

PHILIP SULLIVAN.

His Brother Richard Would Like to Know of His Whereabouts.

Richard Sullivan of 18 Fenwick street, is very anxious to hear from his younger brother Philip, who is now 17 years of ago. Philip was born in Lowell Oct. 28, 1879, and when quite young was taken to a home for Catholic children in the city of Boston.

He was later adopted by a man named Michael McNamara of Warrenham, Pa., with whom he stayed six or seven years and then left. Richard has heard nothing of him for twelve years, but would like to hear of his whereabouts.

Other papers please copy.

MATRIMONIAL.

A pretty wedding occurred in Belvidere last evening when ex-Councilman Charles Riley and Miss Bridget Dwyer a very popular young couple were united in the bonds of matrimony by Rev. Fr. Joyce, O. M. I., at the chapel of the Immaculate Conception church. The ceremony was witnessed by a few intimate friends. The bride was attended by Miss Mary A. Herne and the best man was Mr. James Dwyer, a brother of the bride.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride, 263 Concord street where a reception was held, a large number of friends calling to congratulate the happy couple. The house was prettily decorated and the bride and her maid beautifully gowned. A wedding dinner was served and the gifts were elaborate.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley left upon their wedding tour last evening amid showers of rice and good wishes and upon their return will reside at 262 Concord street.

COURTNEY'S INAUGURAL

Will Deal at Length With Needed Improvements in Little Canada.

Mayor Courtney has not yet commenced work on his inaugural address but in a few days he will commence to gather material for this important message.

It is stated that the condition of Little Canada's thoroughfares will receive even greater consideration than was accorded this important matter in previous inaugurals. And it is also stated that should Mayor Courtney find that, after a reasonable time, the city council has failed to provide necessary improvements in this section a special message may emanate from his office which the members of the city council cannot with propriety evade. The inaugural will undoubtedly be one of the most important ever submitted to a council in this city.

Wedding Anniversary.

The golden anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Johnson will be observed in an informal manner on Dec. 22d at their home, 161 School street. Reception 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m. No cards.

Dolls and Toys.

We have got an elegant assortment of these necessary holiday goods at very low prices. Dickson Bros., the big tea dealers, 68 Merrimack street.

Les Miserables bowling alleys and billiard hall now open. East Merrimack street.

Dr. Colburn DENTIST 31 MERK ST.

The Bane of Beauty.

Beauty's bane is the fading or falling of the hair. Luxuriant tresses are far more to the matron than to the maid whose casket of charms is yet unrifled by time. Beautiful women will be glad to be reminded that falling or fading hair is unknown to those who use

Ayer's Hair Vigor.

SOME CRISP GOSSIP.

Louis Pritzkow, the popular young tenor, singer and composer, with Primrose and West's Minstrels, was entertained while in Lowell by members of The Sun force and others.

He rendered many selections for his hosts at the impromptu gathering. Mr. Pritzkow has a fine voice of exceptional range and is destined to be the "sweetest singer of them all."

On the stage he sings mostly songs of his own composition, which have had large sales in this country. His most popular and latest songs are "I've changed my mind since then," "Papa's baby," and "His only wish."

Mr. Pritzkow is a native of St. Louis. He is perfectly at home with newspaper men, for he is a first-class pressman and is the inventor of a wonderful bronzing machine now in progress of construction by a big New York firm. His success is but another instance of a bright boy's pluck. While he is singing his way into the hearts of the American "play goers" he has hosts of friends who rejoice at his every triumph.

John Storey of the New York Suit and Cloak company has issued a calendar of very handsome design, which he is giving those who call at his store.

The prettiest Christmas parties will be those held in the various kindergarten schools one week from tomorrow. I know of several little tots now in the primary grade who regretted leaving the kindergarten because they would miss their Christmas festival.

The weather is delightful for the night officers. One of the "cops" expressed the hope the other evening that the weather would continue as it is till about March first. Then he did not care how it came, because he knew it would not last long.

Sunday was a day of great importance to the Catholic church choirs of Lowell and the occasion added laurels to the participants. There were the dedicatory exercises in St. Jean Baptiste church to begin with, at which the choirs of that church and St. Joseph's, assisted by the choir Rossini presented one of the grandest musical programs ever heard in this city. Then the famed choir of the Immaculate Conception church, which through its excellence has drawn singers from all parts of the city. And lastly, there was the grand concert in Huntington hall by the Sacred Heart church choir, assisted by prominent choir singers of the city, a chorus of 100 in all, which was an unusually brilliant occasion from a musical standpoint. Church choirs in Lowell are fast gaining a widespread reputation for general excellence.

Lowell had the appearance of a genuine country town yesterday, so seldom was a street car seen in the square. Strangers looked about the streets expecting to see grass cropping up between the pavements, forgetting that we're all out of grass at this season of the year.

The Consumers' Hunting and Fishing club has been meeting with much success this fall, at its last expedition getting 10 rabbits and 8 partridge. Jack Graves shot a white rabbit at Littleton last week, but after he got up to it he found it was a cat.

A party of Ward 2 hunters went out in the country with a new dog the other day. The dog was a good ratter and a good feeder, but had never been hunting before. They started to hunt early in the morning and up to four in the afternoon hadn't even caught cold. About that time, however, they shot a live partridge, which the dog went after. They followed the dog as best they could, and got there in time to save the head and a few feathers, the dog having eaten the remainder.

SHERIFF CUSHING

Is Awarded a Contract by the Street Committee.

The street committee awarded a contract to H. Cushing last night.

Henry J. Cushing is sheriff of this county, but that did not prevent the street committee from voting him $250 to put Fowler road to grade.

The committee also voted to macadamize Roger street from Lawrence street to Tewksbury line.

A committee of three was appointed to appear before the county commissioners at the court house, Dec. 21, at which time a public hearing will be held on the petition for the rebuilding of the Lundberg street bridge.

Three Alarms Sent In.

The firemen responded to two telephone and one regular alarm last evening, all for the same blaze. The fire started in a partition in C. K. Fiske's dry goods store, 65 Merrimack street, and burned through the floor into the room of Ruth C. Upham, clairvoyant. The damage was not heavy.

Good Citizenship Club.

The Eliot Good Citizenship club will hold its regular meeting this evening in the vestry of the Eliot church.

John J. Pickman, Esq., will preside and Mr. E. M. Bigelow will read a paper upon "The sense in which all men are born free and equal."

Constipation

Causes fully half the sickness in the world. It retains the digested food too long in the bowels and produces biliousness, torpid liver, indigestion, bad taste, coated tongue, sick headache, insomnia, etc. Hood's Pills cure constipation and all its results, easily and thoroughly. 25c. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills

THE BRAM TRIAL

Charged With Murder on High Seas.

PRISONER IS WELL AND QUITE CHEERFUL.

Legal Questions Occupy the Entire Day.

Boston, Dec. 15.—First Mate Thomas W. Bram, charged with the murder of Captain Charles I. Nash of the barkentine Herbert Fuller, on the high seas on July 14 last, was placed on trial in the United States circuit court yesterday morning, Justices Colt and Webb presiding.

When the court was opened at 10 o'clock, the prisoner, looking remarkably well, neatly dressed and cheerful, was placed in the iron cage. His counsel, James E. Cotter of Hyde Park and Asa P. French, were already in their seats, as were United States District Attorney Sherman Hoar and his assistants, John H. Casey and Frederick P. Cabot. There were also present many lawyers, who watched with the closest attention the progress of this most remarkable trial.

Mr. Hoar announced as soon as the court was opened that the government had not prossed all the counts of the indictment except the first and second, which relate to the murder of the captain alone. The counts relating to the murder of Mrs. Nash having been dropped, there was no trial of the defendant for the murder of the wife.

The list of jurors was then called, and it appeared that 91 were present. Mr. Cotter at once objected to the venire, on the ground that it was an illegal one, as not complying with the order of the court of Nov. 17 last, providing for a special venire of 100, who were to be apportioned in a specific manner among the towns of the commonwealth.

These and other objections raised were overruled by the court, and the drawing of the jury was then begun from an alphabetical list, and the usual questions were asked by the clerk of the court as their names were called.

The selection of a jury was completed late in the afternoon, and the 12 men who will decide the question of life or death for the prisoner are:

Henry J. Arnold, lumber dealer, Adams; Robert S. Brown, farmer, West Newbury; Harry J. Booth, commercial traveler, Hyde Park; Warren N. Blake, leather business, Woburn; Edward J. Burke, florist, Jamaica Plain; Oliver J. Briggs, carpenter, Cambridge; Shepard B. Dyer, farmer, Plainfield; Abel C. Ford, machinist, Hyde Park; Stephen H. Green, shoemaker, Stoneham; Charles A. Howes, sailmaker, Chatham; John J. Hughes, stonemason, Adams; Rinaldo A. Jack, traveling salesman, East Boston.

Fifty-three talesmen were examined before the counsel agreed upon the 12 men, and it was not until 4:30 that Mr. Jack was selected and completed the panel.

Judge Colt appointed Henry J. Arnold as foreman of the jury, but he asked to be excused from holding the position, and his request was granted, and Rinaldo A. Jack, the last juror, was appointed foreman. Court was then adjourned.

MILKMEN ARE ANGRY.

They Organize Against Tyranny of Contractors.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 15.—Five hundred of the milk producers of this state and a few from Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire met in Horticultural hall yesterday, and uttered a mighty protest against the alleged tyranny of the contractors.

Herbert Myrick of Springfield acted as chairman of the meeting and John B. Bowker of Worcester as secretary. One hundred towns responded to a roll call, and committees were appointed for each to arrange for the organization of local sections of the New England Milk Producers' union and to send delegates to the annual meeting of the central union, which is called in Boston for Jan 15.

A committee of 17 was appointed to make a report, and presented a statement that met with the approval of the meeting and was adopted. Among the objects set forth in this statement are the co-operation with the buyers in the fixing of the price of milk, the restriction of the further extension of railroad milk routes by the contractors, the mitigation of the evils of the milk surplus, the arrangement for the better distribution of milk and the fair dealing of contractors with all producers.

John B. Bowker of Worcester, Herbert Myrick of Springfield, John C. Bartlett of New Market, N. H., L. H. Healey of North Woodstock, Conn., and O. E. Patch of Concord were appointed as a committee to push the work of organizing local sections of the New England Milk Producers' union.

Bond Asked and Refused.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 15.—The board of aldermen gave a hearing last evening on the petition of the Springfield and Southwestern Electric Railway company for a franchise admitting them to entry into the city. The company proposed to deposit with the county treasurer the sum of $125,000, to build a bridge across the Connecticut river, the money to be deposited April 1. The aldermen asked the representative of the company if it would give a bond to guarantee the payment, but this was refused. The aldermen then laid the matter on the table, with the provision that should the company make the deposit or give a bond before Jan. 1 the matter would be taken up and decided, otherwise it will not be acted on.

Roundtree Goes to Jail.

Boston, Dec. 15.—Sylvester Roundtree, who is charged with having murdered Annie White, last Saturday, waived examination in the municipal criminal court yesterday afternoon, and was committed without bail for the January term of the grand jury. Roundtree and the woman are both negroes, who had been living together at the South End. The murder, it is claimed, was the result of jealousy.

Struck by Train and Killed.

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 15.—William Carey, aged 40, was struck by an express train on the Boston and Albany railroad last night, and instantly killed.

Absolutely Pure.

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Is Your Stable Crowded

And more room is needed for your Sleighs?

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Is the title of a very beautiful illustrated book just brought out by us. It contains 16 Lowell views and includes Merrimack street, Central street, City Hall, Memorial Building, High School, new Court House, Grace Church, Pawtucket Falls, the Armory, St. Anne's Church, Fort Hill Park, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Mills at Lowell, the Merrimack River from Andover Street, Lowell Jail and the grave of J. C. Ayer. The price is 25 cents. Just the thing to send to your friends.

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THE ATTRACTIONS OF OUR DIVIDEND SALE MULTIPLY

MONDAY AND TUESDAY YOU WILL FIND:

Colored China Silk, 10c. a yd.
Outing Flannel, 10c. quality, 5c. per yd.
Bed Blankets, 35c. per pair.

Large size Gingham and White Aprons, 10c. each.
25c. Towels, very large, 9c. each.
27-inch Corduroy, 59c. per yard.

Another lot of China and Japan Mattings, 8c. per yard.

Hundreds of Other Bargains Equally as Good, Nothing Equal to This Sale Has Ever Been Attempted in Lowell.

Big Silver Ware Values Today

1 Bottle Castors, Engraved Bottles, $1.49 to $3.00 each.

Pickle Jars in four colors of glass, 89 cents each.

Napkin Rings from 19 cents to $3.00 each.

Gold Lined Mugs, 19 cents to $2.50 each.

Children's Sets, Knife, Fork and Spoon, 19 cents to $3.00 per set.

Rogers 1847 grade, 6 Knives and 6 Forks, $3.98 per set.

We carry a vast stock of Rogers 1847 ware and The Wm. Rogers goods and will sell silver this week lower than it was ever quoted.

Basement Department

Chocolate Sets, 15 pieces, only $4.98 each.

Tete A Tete Sets, 14 pieces, only $4.98 each.

Fish Sets, 13 pieces, only $6.98 each.

Tea Sets, 9 pieces, only $2.98 each.

Ice Cream Sets, 13 pieces, only $4.89 each.

These sets are the very finest productions of China and prices are way down.

Men's Neckwear

An endless variety of fine neckwear in the very latest styles and colorings. It comprises Tecks, Puffs, Imperials, four in hand and strap bows. Prices are lower than anywhere in Lowell.

Ladies' and Children's Umbrellas.

Ladies' Silk Umbrellas, natural Congo Sticks, $1.25, $1.50 and $1.75 each.

Ladies' Umbrellas, Dresden Heads, close roller, $1.75, $2.25 and $2.50 each.

Ladies' Gold and Silver Trimmed Sticks, $1.50, $1.75, $2 and $3.50 each.

Ladies' Colored Silk Umbrellas, $2.25, $2.50, $3 and $3.50 each.

Gents' Umbrellas with all the natural twists and crooks with silver or gold trimming in all the different kinds of silk, $1.25 up to $5 each.

Colored Dress Goods,

For Monday and Tuesday.

Another lot of All-Wool Serge, the colors are green, brown, navy blue, cadet blue, cardinal, black and garnet, new price, 25c. per yard.

These goods make a very acceptable holiday gift.

25 pieces Novelties, all wool mixtures and plain colors, a great assortment at 39c. per yard.

Our Special Offer Today, 50c on the Dollar.

100 dozen Superior Quality Light Colored Silk Neckwear, elegantly assorted patterns, satin lined in Tecks, four-in-hand and strap bows, worth $4.50 per dozen, wholesale price for this sale only 25 cents each.

Jewelry.

240 dozen Aluminum Hair Pins, warranted not to tarnish, sold all season 10c. per dozen, price to close 7c. per dozen.

1 lot of Rolled Gold Brooches, enameled and set with imitation pearl and brilliants, great value, at 25c. each.

Jeweled Hat Pins from 25c. to 75c. each.

Cloakings and Astrachans at Half Price.

For Monday and Tuesday.

54-inch Cloakings sold for $2.50, new price, $1.25.

50-inch Astrachans, sold for $3, new price $1.75.

Crapet Department,

Tremendous Reductions.

Best 10-wire Tapestry Carpets, regular price 90c., down to 59c. a yard.

Heavy Jointless Matting, regular price 35c., down to 19c. per yard.

Scotch Frilled Muslin for long curtains, regular price 29c., down to 17c. a yard.

1000 Holland Shades, perfect goods, 18c each.

Irish Point Curtains worth $4.50, down to $2.98 a pair.

Nottingham Lace Curtains, worth 49c., down to 25c. a pair.

Another chance to Buy Handkerchiefs

For Little Money Today.

Children's Printed Border Handkerchiefs, 1c., 2c., 3c., 4c., and 5c. each.

Children's Fancy Box Handkerchiefs, 15c., 19c., and 25c. each.

Gent's Printed Border Handkerchiefs, 3 for 25c.

Ladies' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 3 for 25c.

1 lot Ladies' Colored Handkerchiefs, 10c. each.

1 lot of Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs, 10c. each.

Silk and Cashmere Mufflers 33c. each.

1 lot of Silk gauze handkerchiefs, an extraordinary bargain, at 12 1-2 c. each.

Domestic Counter

$1.50 Comforters down to 98 c. each.

11-4 Blankets with colored borders, $3, down to $1.75 a pair.

25 pieces of Eiderdown, in white, blue, pink or red, at 25c. a yard.

1 case of remnants of Checked nainsook, 17 c. quality, at 10c. a yard.

1200 yards of double fleeced Cotton Flannel in new colorings, suitable for draperies and linings, at 12 1-2c.

Linen Department.

Embroidered Pillow Shams, at 98c. a pair.

Bureau and Commode Scarfs, and Doylies go with the above at the smallest prices ever quoted. A beautiful assortment, all new designs with double edges.

100 dozen Huck and Pure Linen Towels, extra large, 12 1-2c. each.

We have a few hundred more yards of those fine bleached Linen remnants, worth $1 to $1.25, only 50c. a yard.

Our 49c. Table Linen is the biggest bargain in the market. Anything offered at 75c. elsewhere will not compare with it.

Half a ton weight of 25 cent, 50 cent, 75 cent and $1 goods at one-third to one-half regular prices.

Book Department.

Several Bargains Today.

Emerson's Essays, 3 vol., cloth bound, 69c. per set.

Conan Doyle's Works, 5 vol., cloth bound, 98c. per set.

History of Our Own Times, by Justin McCarty, 2 vol., cloth bound, $1.25 per set.

Elliott's Complete Works, 6 vol., cloth bound, $1.79 per set.

Dumas' Works, 8 vol., cloth bound, $1.98 per set.

Dickens, Thackeray, Irving, Lytton, Carlyle and other popular works will be offered today at wonderfully cut prices.

The Christmas Department of Lowell Is In Our Basement.

Toys hold sway with musical instruments and other Holiday Goods. Games and Dolls having ample space with counter after counter of givable things. Rocking Horses and Sleds, with many other attractive things suitable for Christmas giving, will be found in abundance.

Men's Shirts

A lot of Fancy Bosom Shirts with cuffs to match from $1.00 to 69c. each.

Remnants of Dress Goods.

At your own price to close up, all the season's new goods consisting of plain, figured and mixed novelties, the lengths are 1 1-2 to 5 1-2 yards, the price 9c. to 25c. per yard.

Furniture Department

3 Special Bargains in Sideboards.

1 lot sold to date $17, down to $12 each.

1 lot sold to date $22.50, down to $15 each.

1 lot sold to date $30, down to $20 each.

Men's Underwear.

1 lot of Scarlet Wool Shirts and Drawers, best quality, worth $1.50, down to 98c. each.

1 lot of Extra Quality Merino Shirts and Drawers, white only, 75 cent quality, reduced to 50c. each.

Ladies' Underwear.

100 doz. extra heavy Egyptian Vests and Pants, fleece lined, elegantly trimmed crochet ribbed Vests, silk facings, pearl buttons, our price on these goods only 29c. each, which is less than cost of production.

Ladies' Gloves.

1 lot Mousquetaire Gloves, plain and embroidered points, reduced from $1.25 to 69c. a pair.

1 lot Glace Kid Gloves, in white, cream and black, reduced from $1 to 49c. a pair.

Leather Goods.

A quantity of imitation seal combination pocketbooks, sterling silver corners, great value at 25c. each.

1 lot of leather lined Boston Bags, sizes 10 and 11, made from good quality fancy cloths, rare value at 98c.

Men's Half Hose.

1 lot imported Merino and Black Cashmere Half Hose, spliced soles and hand finished seams, 50 cent grade, 25 cents a pair.

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The Sun is the only evening penny paper in Lowell printing Telegraphic News.

LIFE IN NEW YORK

As Seen by a Well Known Lowell Man.

TALMAGE'S PECULIAR MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP.

A Word About the Barberi Trial.

Life in the metropolis flows on as it does everywhere else, only in a more intensified degree. Brighter sunshine, darker shadows, more brilliant assemblages, perhaps, but after all things resolve themselves down to about the same level in the end.

Take Broadway and Fifth Avenue and you would take your oath that poverty was unknown, crime a madman's dream, and hunger, sickness and squalor but the result of imagination. Turn to the East Side where sin and death crowd close upon the footsteps of poverty and crime, and you will find it most difficult to believe that the world was other than a perfect babel that began in misery and dragged itself, curse-laden, along the slow passing years, to be lost at last amidst the horrors of the night.

It is the same tale everywhere repeated, London, Paris, New York—and yes, Lowell—the hard drudgery of life for one, and ease and luxury for another. And who shall solve the mystery of it all? Is it my purpose to chronicle the important events that float upon the surface of New York life, pointing here and there a moral, trying now and again to put in a word that may perchance speak to some life, that has found the burden heavy, and the way long.

So the Rev. De Witt Talmage is reported to be about to marry again! With him marriage has not been a failure, at any rate he is now trying it for the third time. The young lady is a Miss Susie Mangan, of Sing Sing and the sister of his daughter's husband. Rather complex, is it not? The relationship will stand about this way. Mr. Talmage will become the brother-in-law of his son-in law. The bride in turn will become the step-mother of her sister-in-law, and will be mother-in law to her own brother. Just how they will address each other, will be a matter for the curious. Mr. Talmage is nearly seventy years, while the bride elect is only thirty, and yet society goes on its way smilingly. Funny world isn't it?

Considerable criticism is being called forth by "Opals" by George de Valliere; as elegant a volume as ever came forth from the press.

It is a series of stories of Mexico, written in the most perfect English and of the most entrancing interest. It would be hard to imagine a more artistic creation and the book is well named. It is not exactly for Sunday schools, I suppose, or the goody good people, who are prone to say just what human nature ought to be, and there is a vein of cynicism running through it that many will not fully understand, yet all the same, life is not all as good as it might, as it possibly will be in the sweet by and by, and cynicism is not an unknown quantity by any means. The work will certainly develop great interest in Mexico, and is a credit in every way to those who have produced it. The New Amsterdam Publishing Co., is responsible for the publisher's work and they may well be proud of their achievement.

We are recovering from the horrors of the Barberi trial, which has dragged along for many months, has nauseated everybody. She was tried and convicted months ago, in fact there is every acknowledgment even that she murdered Cataldo in the heat of passion, because he had tired of her. Then a new trial was ordered, and for weeks we were treated to an exhibition of scientific "cranks and fads", unparalelled in the history of the world. Nobody pretends to deny that Barberi committed the murder, but her feelings have been analyzed, her headaches counted, her antecedents looked up, etc., etc., to find if possible some plausible excuse for her to escape electrocution. The law is very plain, the penalty is death. Change the law, abolish capital punishment, and instead of killing criminals, seek to discover and eliminate the conditions producing crime. It does not make the matter right, for the state to do in cool blood, what it condemns the prisoner for doing in the heat of passion. All the same, so long as the law stands, it is but just that each criminal should have the same punishment for the same deed.

Some day we shall know more than we do now about all these mysterious manifestations of life, and we shall realize that the man or woman who is not fit to live, is assuredly not ready to die. The numerous murder cases in which justice miscarries offer one of the strongest arguments against the continuance of such a law. It might as well be abolished as so flagrantly evaded.

The weather is like summer, the stores are crowded with people, anxious to invest in the beautiful wares that are placed so temptingly before them, and all things point to the one bright, happy day in the year, which we begin with saying, "Merry Xmas to all!"

J. W. F.

LOCAL NOTES.

See locals on page 3.

The Iron Moulders initiated five candidates last evening.

Officer Kane found a lady's thibet on Lawrence street Saturday night. It is at the police station.

Concord lodge, Fraternal Helpers, held a short business meeting last evening. Afterwards whist was enjoyed.

Thistle lodge, I. O. G. T., had a lively meeting at Pilgrim hall last evening which wound up with an entertainment.

Thomas Burns, whose horse was stolen Sunday, found the animal in Humphrey street last night much the worse for hard driving.

Edward F. Slattery and James O'Sullivan of this city took part in a no-license rally at Aquinas hall, Cambridgeport, Sunday night.

The union membership contest at the Y. M. C. A. terminated last evening with a turkey supper for the winners and beans for the losers.

Buy one of our nice opal and diamond rings for Christmas presents. Prices very low. Legault & Co., one-price jewelers, 70 Central street.

The musical recital given by Charles V. Barker, pianist, and Herbert Johnson, tenor, of Boston, in Odd Fellows' hall, last evening, was a very delightful musical event.

The Lowell and Reading Street Railway company is making improvements in its plant and will run cars from Lowell to Lynn every 15 minutes if sufficient encouragement is received.

The Imperial Minstrels, an organization under the direction of John J. Ivers and James Cahill is rehearsing an entertainment which will be presented in January, in aid of the Sacred Heart church.

A civil service examination will be held for applicants for the offices of clerks and carriers in the postal service on Feb. 2, 1897. The age limit for candidates for clerks is eighteen years and under 40 years. Per order, A. S. Ashworth, board of examiners.

WAS IT SUICIDE?

Officer Duncan Find a Man's Underwear and Clothing on Canal Bank.

Was it a suicide?

That's what the police asked each other last night when Officer Duncan went into the police station with a pile of clothing which he found on Canal street, near the Massachusetts canal.

There was a complete outfit of clothing, underwear and they had the appearance of having been thrown there by a person about to jump into the canal.

The police are investigating.

Thomas Carolin Dead.

Thomas Carolin, one of the oldest residents of this city, and father of Dr. Wm. T. Carolin, the well known physician, died this morning at his home, 99 Fairmount street.

Many years he was in the grocery business in Belvidere and lived at the corner of Fayette and East Merrimack streets. About five years ago he moved into the Fairmount street house.

He was treasurer of the Democratic city committee for many years and ran with the old volunteer fire department. He is survived by Dr. William T. Carolin and two daughters, Mrs. Luke and Mrs. James Heering, the well-known woolen manufacturers, formerly of Forge Village, but now established in Connecticut.

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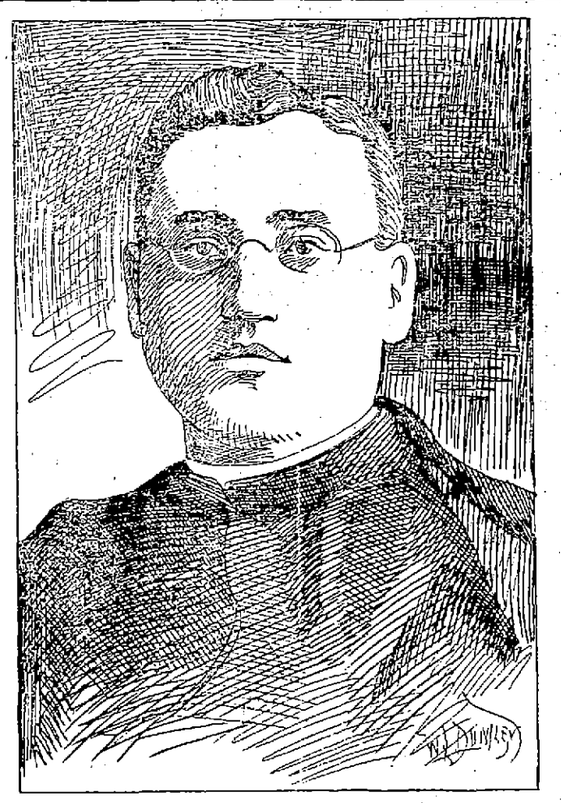

REV. JOHN PATRICK REYNOLDS, Sacred Heart Church.

THE FAIR OPENED

In Aid of the Sacred Heart Church.

LARGE GATHERING AT HUNTINGTON HALL.

List of Tables With Ladies in Charge.

The formal opening of the big bazaar and festival in Huntington hall in aid of the Sacred Heart church took place last evening.

The grand concert on Sunday evening, was but the preliminary to the week's series of events, and like the concert, the opening night of the bazaar, was a winner.

The attendance was very large, and the patronage of the various tables quite liberal.

Scores of young ladies pressed their way through the crowd that thronged the floor of the hall and solicited "chances" on articles of value. Others had grab bags, and pretty young misses sold beautiful roses and carnations.

Among the articles on the tables is a beautiful portrait of the late Fr. Burns, O. M. I.

Shortly after eight o'clock the seating capacity of the gallery was taxed and the audience became impatient for the entertainment, which was promised by the Y. M. C. I. Minstrels.

It was nearly nine o'clock when the curtain rolled up on the stage performance. The entertainment was under the direction of Thomas McQuaid, and James Tumelty was accompanist.

The program was as follows: Vocal solos, Thomas McQuaid, John J. Murray, Edward Shea, George Lynch, euphonium solo, Michael Radigan; cornet solo, John J. Hanlon.

Twelve tables prettily decorated were arranged around the hall. In the centre was the candy pagoda decked in hunting of many colors and trimmed with rich lace. The lemonade table too had handsome decorations of lace and hunting.

Those in charge of the tables are:

St. Peter's Table—Mrs. C. J. Scannell, matron; Miss Minnie Nison, assistant; Misses Annie Galley, Mary Scannell, Flora Vaughn, Catherine Scannell, May Galler, Genevieve Smith, Rose Kelly, Rose Smith.

St. Joseph's Table—Mrs. J. Walsh, matron; Mrs. M. Hickey, assistant; the Misses Margaret, Mary, Lizzie Hickey, Margaret, Annie, Katie Walsh.

St. John's Table—Mrs. Mary Marron, matron; Mrs. Annie McHugh, assistant; Misses Jennie Foley, Ellen Spencer, Annie Foley, Annie Coffey, Margaret Foley, Ella Foley, Mr. Simon Brennan, Mrs. Charles Murphy, Mrs. Annie Ward, Misses Isabella Dunlavey, Louise Murphy, Alice Daly, Kate Guthrie.

Children of Mary Table—Miss Mary Fox, matron; Miss Kate Flannagan, assistant; Misses Margaret Fox, Mollie McGann, Lilla Holden, Margaret Griffin.

Art Table—Miss Margaret Fox, matron; Miss Mary Anderson, assistant.

Lemonade Table—M. Jennie McDonald, matron; Mrs. Andrew Murray, Miss Mary McCarthy, Mrs. Elias McQuade, Misses Sadie Ryan, Margaret McCinskey, Kittie Hoyle, Teresa Egan, Josephine Thompson, Miss Farley, May Meers, Lizzie Dillon, Josephine Hayes, Kittie Collins, Katie McDonald, Florence McDonald, Miss Donovan, Minnie Mawn, Alice Cuff.

Arch Confraternity Table—Mrs. James Sheehan, matron; Mrs. Timothy Lynch, Mrs. Sarah Daly, Miss Mary Fox.

Parish table—Mrs. Frank Wood, Mrs. Peter Donahue, matrons; Mrs. M. H. Norton, Mrs. Patrick Gookin, Mrs. Thomas Cryan, Mrs. A. Fallon, Misses Mary Donnelly, Blanche Wood, Etta Wood, Jennie Gookin, Sadie Hunt, Margaret Driscoll.

Holy Rosary table—Mrs. J. F. Monaghan, Mrs. C. T. Lennon, matrons; Mrs. Francis Gendron, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Neil, Mrs. Thomas Curry, Mrs. John McKeon, Miss Julia Caffrey.

St. Patrick's Table—Mrs. Thomas Whiston and Mrs. John McMahon; matrons. Mrs. P. H. Moore, Mrs. Kate Smith, Misses Lizzie Whiston and Mamie McMahon, Mr. Wm. H. Whiston Miss Mamie Whiston.

Candy Table—Miss Mary O'Grady; matron, Misses Mary and Lizzie Hart, Marguerite Cullinan, Nellie Roche, Annie Rafferty, Catherine Spencer, Lizzie Sullivan, Teresa Marren, Essie Nilon, Annie Neilon, Adelaide A. Sullivan, Bridie Sweeney.

Refreshment table—Mrs. Henry Boyle, Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, Mrs. Mary Barrett, Mrs. Patrick Kerwin, Mrs. P. Cusack, Miss Daly, the Misses Bushman, Cunningham, Leahey, Lizzie Haley, Mrs. Jane Schofield.

Holy League table—Mrs. K. Daley, matron; Mrs. Callahan, Misses Jennie McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Sadie Ryan.

Who does your printing? THE SUN job print would do it well and save you money.

ONE WORD TO L'ETOILE

ON ITS DISTORTION AND MISREPRESENTATION

Of the Article Printed in Saturday's Sun Relative to Little Canada—Absolutely Not an Offensive Word Used.

The article in yesterday's issue of L'Etoile relative to the cut and romantic story connected with Little Canada as published in Saturday's Sun, shows that our contemporary is grossly mistaken.

There was not a single word in the article reflecting upon the French people and the effort of L'Etoile to show a malicious intent is decidedly unreasonable and uncalled for.

The last thing the publisher of the Sun would allow in its columns is a word reflecting upon the French people of Lowell. No one connected with the Sun had any intention of caricaturing the French people or reflecting upon them in any manner.

We have always entertained the most friendly feelings for our French fellow citizens and have repeatedly given proof of that in these columns. Any attempt on the part of a newspaper or an individual to make it appear otherwise is utterly unfair and without foundation in fact so far as anything published in the Sun is concerned.

The Sun has done more for the French citizens than has any other paper in Lowell for which we think we are entitled to reasonable consideration at their hands.

Our French contemporary is assuredly laboring under a false impression or else it would not have so distorted an article which any fair minded person will say contained not one offensive word.

TWENTY-THREE FAMILIES

Burned Out By an Explosion of Some Tar On a Building.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 15.—By the explosion of the tar top of a building at the corner of Chapel and Lloyd streets at nine o'clock this morning which was being re-roofed, a fire started which resulted in practically the total destruction of the property. The upper part was occupied by 23 families as tenants. There were two alarms. The loss will be $20,000. Adjoining property was saved. No one was injured.

Stricken While at Prayer.

Mr. L. G. Smith of Kennebunkport, Me., now on a visit to 11 Jenness street, was stricken speechless while at prayer one evening. He has partly recovered his voice, but has suffered with such intense pains in the head that at times it was almost unbearable, having one of those attacks last Saturday evening his friend advised him to try Mexican King of Pain. After two applications he experienced such relief that he has not felt better in 20 years. He has called at the office of the Mexican Medicine Co., 32 Central street, to tell them what their remedy has done for him. Free samples of Zyno at their office. All aches and pains cured free of charge.

Chronic Catarrh cannot be cured by local applications. It is a constitutional disease, and requires a constitutional remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which, working through the blood, eradicates the impurity which causes and promotes the disease, and soon effects a permanent cure. At the same time Hood's Sarsaparilla builds up the whole system.

Catarrh and Eczema.

"I was troubled with catarrh for several years. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and by its use I have been cured. I recommend it to any one who is troubled with catarrh or eczema, and I think a fair trial will convince any one of its merits." HARRY M. GROVES, Carlinville, Illinois.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

LATEST

JUDGE HADLEY'S

Advice to a Young Man in Court.

TO MARRY THE GIRL HE HAD BETRAYED

By a Mock Marriage Ceremony in Hotel.

Richard L. Phelan is a bright looking young man, but he made a serious mistake when he made pretty and confiding Julia Hooper believe that she was his wife for now he will go before the grand jury unless something happens to prevent it in the meantime.

The story as the outcome of the case of Phelan charged with assault and battery upon his wife Julia, which was tried in police court today. Phelan was arrested by Officer Bumps and he claimed that he was not married to the lady who accused him.

When the case was called the woman testified that she supposed she was married a ceremony having been gone through in a hotel last February by a third party who Phelan afterwards told her was "McDonald the justice of the peace." They then lived together periodically as man and wife, the unsuspecting girl believing all the time that she was lawfully wedded wife of Phelan. Recently they had not lived together, and when she was sick he didn't go near her. Last Friday or Saturday she went up to Liberty square to meet a lady friend and met her supposed husband. They had words and Phelan tried to strike her in the face.

Phelan, when on the stand started off by saying that his fair accuser was not his wife. He denied having gone through a mock ceremony, but admitted that they had lived together as man and wife and that the girl and her family believed that they were married.

Judge Hadley took copious notes of the testimony and at its conclusion had a complaint against them for illicit cohabitation, while he admitted the girl innocent however.

They pleaded guilty and were held for the grand jury, Phelan in $300 and the girl under McQuade's recognizance, she being held more as a witness as she was unconscious of wrong.

The court in passing from the case said: "Young man, I would suggest that you offer restitution to this young girl whom you have injured by marrying her between now and the time the grand jury comes in."

THE BOYS TACKLED IT

And the Best Part of the Building Soon Disappeared.

Twenty youngsters armed with axes tore down a building in Bent's court yesterday afternoon.

Wm. H. Bent owns the building and the property is under the agency of Mr. Mansur.

The boys who made the onslaught on the rickety affair are members of the Bents' Court Circus Troupe. "Dodo" Hackett, leader of the crowd, learned that Mr. Mansur intended to free the locality of the old structure, and decided to save him any expense. So he called together his cohorts and ordered them to jubilate, for improvements would soon be under way in the old stamping ground. Mr. Mansur intends to erect a new block to substitute the old one.

Then the lads threw their hatchets over their shoulders, journeyed over the way and soon the battle with the timbers had commenced.

As fast as the boards fell they were hustled away to neighboring cellars and will make good fire wood.

This morning all that remained standing were the plastered walls and the supports that held up the once shingled roof.

A WOMAN INJURED.

Fell Over a Fender in the Square Last Night—Another Woman Fainted.

About 6.30 last evening a woman who did not give her name, stumbled over the fender of an electric car standing in Prescott street and fell receiving slight bruises. She was taken home in a carriage. A sympathetic lady who was in the crowd in the waiting room went into a faint during the excitement.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

McDONALD—The funeral of Bridget McDonald took place this morning from her late home in Hildrath street and was attended by many relatives and friends of the deceased. At St. Michael's church service was held, Rev. Fr. Scannell officiating. The pall bearers were Messrs. Robert Tweed, Thomas Fox, Francis Varley, Michael Mahoney, James Cuff and Michael Flynn. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

Suchorowski's Famous Picture.

Nana is the title of a famous painting now on exhibition at Russian hall. This beautiful painting has been seen by hundreds of thousands of people in this country and Europe and the opinion of everybody that sees the picture is that it is the nearest thing to perfection that has ever been exhibited around the country. It is not necessary for a person to be a severe critic to appreciate this picture. It appeals to all as a thing of beauty and it should be seen by every person during the short stay in this city.

The Recount.

The recount of the mayoralty vote in the wards two and five, the aldermanic vote and the vote for overseer of the poor in ward six, will probably be commenced tomorrow. The registrars did not meet this morning and no time was set apart for the work.

Burkes' Smoke Talk.

Tonight there will be a smoke talk at the Burke's hall and a very interesting program has been arranged for the members.

THEATRICAL NEWS.

The Savoy.

The fact that the Savoy Theatre company was to produce Robertson's great 3-act comedy drew a fair sized and fashionable audience to that cozy playhouse last evening for the initial performance. The play is a remarkably strong one and unusual preparations have been made to make it the success of the season. Its success was not determined last night, however, for fate had decreed differently and at the hour of the rising of the curtain Kendal Weston, the hard working star of the company was not present having sustained a sudden and severe attack of illness which made his presence impossible despite his great effort to leave his bed and proceed to the theatre.

Shortly after eight o'clock Mr. Herman Eckhardt, the popular manager of the theatre stepped before the footlights and explained the unfortunate turn of affairs begging the indulgence of the audience for the disappointment. He read the following letter which is self-explanatory:

Lowell, Dec. 14, 1896.

Mr. H. Eckhardt:

Dear Sir:—I am very sorry to be obliged to send word to you that it will be an utter impossibility for Mr. Weston to play this evening owing to a sudden attack of sickness.

Respectfully yours,
LEONARD L. HUNTRESS, M. D.

Mr. Eckhardt announced that Mr. Fleming had kindly volunteered to read the part, but the management ever striving to please its patrons, decided that no performance would be better than a poor one and had decided to dismiss the house and exchange tickets or refund money as desired.

Mr. Weston appeared at a concert Sunday evening in his usual health and spirits and enjoyed good health Monday morning. But yesterday afternoon he was suddenly taken quite ill though it is hoped and expected that he will be able to appear this evening.

The cast of characters for this week is strong, Miss Cora Edsall, the captivating leading lady being particularly well assigned. The cast is as follows:

Hon. George D'Alroy.....Kendal Weston
Capt. Hawtree.....Stephen Wright
Eccles.....William Burress
Sam Gerridge.....Carl Scranton
Marquise de St. Maur.....Mrs. Georgie Dickson
Esther Eccles.....Cora Edsall
Polly Eccles.....Lydia Knott

Music Hall.

Last evening the play entitled Kidnapped drew a large audience and the company gave a very good entertainment.

Owing to a railroad accident the company did not arrive in town until almost 9 o'clock and during the delay the orchestra gave a concert that kept the large audience in good humor until everything was ready for the show to open.

The audience evinced its appreciation by liberal applause and the comedians kept the audience in roars of laughter. The show continues tonight and tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Police Court—Hadley, J.

Six drunks.

John McCluskey got five months in the workhouse, and Daniel Gray three months.

John Cleary got six months at the state farm and he asked to be sent to the local farm. "No," said His Honor, "There are too many up there already. I want you to go where you will work and have something else to do besides smoking."

Officer Maher was commended for his promptness in arresting Joseph Brideau who discharged a revolver on Merrimack street last night. Brideau told a good story but it didn't go with the court who fined him $10, and ordered him under $100 bonds to keep the peace for six months.

A sad case of poverty and depravity, it is believed, came up in police court yesterday when Timothy Manning was called for drunkenness. He pleaded guilty and asked for a chance.

The officer said Manning was about the barrooms drinking while the city supported his wife and family of four children, the oldest of which is not over nine years and the youngest a nursing baby.

The wife who wore clothing which when new belonged to a woman of a better station in life, pleaded hard for her husband and said that she had not been assisted by the city of Lowell, but had received aid from the city of Springfield.

The court before passing sentence wished to investigate the matter, as he did not believe in having the city support families made destitute by a drunkard without punishing the cause of the destitution. Accordingly he continued the case until today.

In court this morning Manning got four months in the workhouse.

A SUCCESTION

Are you undecided what to put on the tree for HER? Come in and see our new style of white kid, high heel, pointed toe Slippers.

No. We do not recommend them for December street wear—but for a real dress-up foot ornament they are the handsomest gem that a shoemaker has ever produced.

If the price seems too low for a Xmas present you can pay us twice what we ask and take two pairs.

And for the little one—we have boxes full of Xmas Shoes that will make them dance with joy—the cutest children's felt slippers brown and red with fur trimming and brownie heads, and commencing Wednesday Santa Claus has instructed us to give each good child visiting our store accompanied by its parent a token of his good will.

O'SULLIVAN BROS. Opposite City Hall.

THE SUN EXTRA

5 O'CLOCK

A MAN STARVES

Himself In Order to Feed His Wife.

WAS AN ARCHITECT AND AN ARTIST.

Died Insane, the Victim of Adversity.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

New York, Dec. 15—Theophile Leblanc, who denied himself that his wife might have food, died in the insane pavilion at Bellevue hospital yesterday from the effects of starvation.

He was an architect of ability, a draughtsman and an artist of no little talent. He once earned a large salary, but for a long time seemed to meet reverses, earning only a dollar a day. A short time ago he lost his position and for days refused to eat, that his wife could have what little food he could procure.

THE SENATE ACTS

On the Morgan Question for Recognizing Cuba.

A private despatch from Washington says that Senator Morgan's resolution to recognize Cuba has been adopted by the U. S. Senate.

BRAM'S TRIAL TODAY.

What the Progress Developed in Case Today.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Dec. 15—The trial of Mate Thomas Bram for the murder of Capt. Nash of the barkentine Herbert Fuller, on high seas, July 14, 1896, was resumed promptly at 9.30 this morning in the U. S. Circuit court. After a few preliminaries, Bram responded to his name and stood with right hand raised while the indictment charging him with murder was read to the jury. Upon request of his counsel, all witnesses except those to give expert testimony were excluded from the room during the opening of the trial by government. Dist. Atty. Hoar then opened the case, recounting the details of the murder of the captain, his wife and mate, which occurred at the same time. It is claimed the murderer must have been someone on board the vessel. Then was detailed a meaning of "murder" in laws governing U. S. courts, laying stress on the fact that there is no degree of murder in said court. Plans of the barkentine were then explained in detail.

SPANISH VESSELS

On the Alert Off the Cuban Shore.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 15.—A Key West special says that spongers report there is an unusually large number of Spanish war vessels lying off the Florida coast. They go far out to sea during the day, but at night come close to land, throwing search lights in all directions. They have been sighted several times by people ashore.

A JUVENILE BURGLAR

Gets Six Years at the Concord Reformatory.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Brockton, Mass., Dec. 15.—In police court this morning Nicholas Lavoie, 15, who confessed to being the accomplice of Homer Rouleau in thirteen burglaries in this vicinity was sent to the reformatory till he will be 21.

TO SETTLE STRIKE.

Employes to Buy Stock in a Railroad.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The Illinois Central R. R. officials have before them the applications of 1500 employes who desire to buy the company's stock. More than one-fourth of 22,000 employes are now stockholders. In the financial co-operation of employes it is believed that the company has taken a formal step toward settling the strike problem and teaching laboring classes the value of economy.

HELP FOR CUBA

Companies Now Being Formed to go to the Cuban War.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Butte, Mont. Dec. 15.—One hundred and six men here have signed the roll to aid the Cuban insurgents.

Arkansas City, Kansas, Dec. 15—A company of young men has been organized here to aid the Cuban cause. They will seek transportation to Cuba.

A FRACTURED SKULL.

James Kiernan Was Found at His Father's Home.

James Kiernan, a resident of East Chelmsford, is at St. John's hospital suffering with a fractured skull.

This noon a call was sent in for the ambulance to go out to East Chelmsford. Arriving there the driver was directed to the house of Kiernan's father.

There he found Kiernan suffering from his injuries. It could not be learned how he received them. He was removed to St. John's hospital and is resting comfortably.

John Stuart Blyth, sixth earl of Darnley, is dead.

After a hard, busy day most men find it a positive relief to throw off the business coat—and business cares with it—and get into something loose fitting and comfortable.

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DEATHS.

CAVANAUGH—Margaret Cavanaugh, aged 77 years, died last night at her home, 24 Fulton street. She had lived in Lowell 30 years. Two daughters, Bridget, and Mrs. Mary A. Burns survive her.

POLICE NOTES.

A check on a bank in the state of Washington payable to Mary Potter and duly endorsed has been found on the street and is in the hands of the police.

MRS. SPROULE'S CHILD.

Badly Injured by Fall in an Electric Car.

Sunday evening while riding on the Middlesex street car, Mrs. Sproule of 132 Tilden street, had her three year old child badly hurt. The little one stood up on the seat in the corner of the car leaning against the woodwork when the car in turning from Middlesex into Central street gave a sudden jolt. The child was thrown heavily upon its face to the floor. The flesh was raised from the bone over the eye. The child had a narrow escape from having its neck broken.

A Double Tragedy.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Wilkesburre, Pa.—During a family quarrel today, Morris Pope shot John Keithline, and fatally wounded him and then placed revolver in his mouth, blowing his head off, dying instantly.

Runaway.

A horse attached to a light gig, belonging to Philip Lynch, created considerable disturbance on Central street at about four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The animal became frightened in the vicinity of Chapel Hill, and ran down Central street at a rapid rate. In front of Putnam & Son's clothing store, it struck a large city team and this put an end to its mad flight. Fortunately no one was injured.

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This is election day in Boston, Quincy will be re-elected mayor.

Did you see yesterday's Sun, its pictures and scoops? Watch the Sun for the news.

The police commission of Boston may be shorn of some of its powers. It is becoming obtrusively obnoxious.

There are five parties represented in the national senate, together with David B. Hill, who of late developed into a party by himself and for himself.

Registered letters will be insured to the amount of $10. If such a letter contains $1000 the government will not be responsible for its loss. It is liberal in its own behalf.

Boston will soon have opened her subway, but that will not remove the difficulties of travel. An elevated road in the outskirts and wider streets is bound to come eventually.

The Mayors' club of Massachusetts is in favor of improved city charters with but a single branch. A city council of two branches of which the mayor would be one branch would probably suit their Honors.

We are apprised that an effort will be made by local republicans to have the appointment of the police commission vested in the governor as in Boston and Fall River. That is the rule for cities incapable of governing themselves. Lowell is not of the number.

Senator Peffer asks re-election in Kansas because, in less than six years service, he has delivered 437 speeches, long and short, introduced 202 bills, proposed 94 amendments and has presented 300 petitions. Had he named only the measures that benefited his constituents his record would have dwindled to microscopic proportions.

L. B. Pease, editor and proprietor of the Woonsocket Reporter, is a leading candidate for the position of U. S. printer. He has a strong endorsement for it all over the country. He is all right for it and should have it. Let the New England press push Pease.—Beverly Times.

In what way would the New England press be benefited if Pease were public printer? Would the printing be better or cheaper or would it simply be done by a better or cheaper man? Mr. Pease, no doubt, did some shouting for McKinley, and has a right to a share of the spoils. If the office of public printer will a-Pease him, by all means let him have it.

Haverhill goes no-license. Did the Lowell, Lawrence and Haverhill railroad have a finger in the pie? It will be the gainer. —Lowell Sun.

We think not. Does the Sun know anything to the contrary?—Haverhill Gazette.

We were not in a position to know by what influences the no-license vote was carried in Haverhill, but we do know that the chief gainer in the transaction will be the Lowell, Lawrence and Haverhill Railroad Co., which will have to carry the thirsty Haverhill people to Lawrence to get what the law prohibits openly in Haverhill. We do not believe that the editor of the Gazette favors unnecessary restraint upon personal liberty.

A WAY OUT OF THE DILEMMA.

In the matter of determining his powers under the new charter, Mayor Courtney will have to exercise considerable discretion in order to please all parties.

Indeed it may be doubted whether he could please all parties concerned, but there is one course and only one, which would be accepted as right both by republicans and democrats. To go ahead and make the appointments without consulting any authority but his own judgment, which is as good as that of any lawyer in Lowell, the mayor would probably stir up the ire of republicans.

To refer the legal question to the city solicitor for decision would be highly objectionable to the democracy because, although City Solicitor Quin has been very fair thus far, it would hardly be conceded that he would be entirely free from political influence in deciding such a party question.

The mayor, by such reference, would be accused of shifting responsibility and hiding behind Mr. Quin, as it were, which to him would be very unbecoming.

To avoid this difficulty, he can appoint one officer such as chief of the fire department, superintendent of streets or any other. Then let the officer to be displaced, bring a test case by instituting quo warranto proceedings in the Supreme court, and the decision will be accepted as that of the highest tribunal in the state and decidedly more entitled to respect and acquiescence than the opinion either of Mayor Courtney or of City Solicitor Quin. Besides it would relieve one or both of them of an unpleasant duty which they may be glad to have lifted off their shoulders. This is the best course, the safest, the fairest.

TOILERS' COUNCIL

American Federation of Labor in Convention.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT GOMPERS IS ENCOURAGING.

An Increase of Membership During Past Year

Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—At the convention of the American Federation of Labor yesterday the committee on credentials made a partial report, seating 118 delegates out of 125. Most of the others had failed to present their credentials to the committee, but there was some bitter contests. Word and Mattison of England and Vijourouz of France were seated, with all the privileges of the American delegates.

When the convention was permanently organized, the partial report of the committee on credentials was adopted. The resolution boycotting non-union newspapers and refusing them representation in the convention was adopted without reference. J. F. O'Sullivan of Boston was the only one asking to be recorded in the negative.

President Gompers appointed the usual 12 standing committees, and then presented his annual report, in part, as follows:

The wrongs of the workers have not yet been obliterated nor their rights attained. The myriads of the toilers of our country observe, with a quickened and a must acute sense, the burdens they have to bear, notwithstanding the marvelous progress which should lighten them. We see our country blossoming forth like a rose, through our handiwork.

By all the memories which binds us to the heroic sacrifices of past struggles of the lowly, by the recognition of the battles fought and won and the wounds received in the battles of our day, by the nobility of our purposes, the freedom for which we strive for all, success is as sure as that night follows day and the day follows night.

In the matter of legislation by congress only fair progress can be reported. There are too few members of congress who are elected upon distinctive labor issues or committed to labor interests, hence the members of congress imagine that the special interests of labor have small need to be considered.

In the matter of legislation in the several states much better progress has been reported. There are few states in which laws have not been passed in the interest of labor. Under the police authority of several states many measures looking to the preservation of health, life and limb of the workers; better sanitary conditions of factory and workshop, alien and factory laws have been enacted. Nearly all the states now have bureaus of labor statistics or factory inspectors. In nearly every instance the officers required to carry out these laws have been appointed from the ranks of labor.

I would recommend that the representatives of this federation be constantly at the seat of the government during the sessions of congress to guard and further the legislation which our organization demands in the interests of labor.

The present year has witnessed little improvement over the two preceding years. While industry and commerce has just about emerged from the panics of 1892-5, the changes or improvements have been very meagre. There has not been that industrial revival looked and hoped for, and which we had a right to anticipate after the crisis through which we have passed.

By dint of energy and perseverance a very large increase in the membership of our general movement has resulted. In round numbers, nearly 100,000 more workers are members of the unions affiliated than was the case a year ago. The report of the secretary shows that 207 charters were issued to local unions, as against 141 in 1895; that 11 international trades unions have become affiliated by charter with the American Federation of Labor, and also 23 Central Labor bodies. This does not include the new locals.

One of the stereotyped arguments which are urged against the trades unions most often is that strikes are old and effete weapons, that they have lost their power to secure permanent or even temporary advantages. As a matter of fact, no one who has devoted thought to our movement but will endeavor by every means within his power to prevent the inauguration of strikes or take such measures as will bring their numbers down to a minimum.

But, to assert that strikes are ineffective, is to assert that which has no foundation in fact. In the very nature of our being, we are determined, as we are justly entitled, to demand a larger share in the product of our labor. We want peace, but we shall insist that peace be maintained consistent with the workings of our orders and those depending upon them. We organize, and the better we are prepared to enter into strikes, the less occasion will we have to resort to them in order to insure success in securing justice to labor. The unions formed by our organizers in Columbus have for a time been diverted from their purpose and turned into machines for theoretical political propaganda. Beyond doubt few, if any, will contend that the workers should refuse to avail themselves of their political rights or fail to endeavor to secure such demands as they make by the exercise of their political power. The fact is that, however, our movement distinctly draws the line between political action in the interest of labor and party political action. This was more particularly emphasized at the last convention, when it was declared as the settled policy of the American trades union movement that party political action of whatever kind shall have no place in the convention of the American Federation of Labor.

As per instructions, the executive early set to work for the purpose of securing some concessions for an eight-hour workday. A number of unions made the demand, and in many instances secured it by strikes. A much larger number, however, had the reduction conceded to them without even the necessity of ceasing their work.

The different recommendations in the annual report of President Gompers were referred to the appropriate committees.

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WILL BE A CANDIDATE.

Joseph H. Choate Desires to Serve as Successor to Senator Hill.

New York, Dec. 15.—Several days ago resolutions were adopted by the Union League club of this city, advocating the election of Joseph H. Choate as United States senator from this state. W. D. Guthrie, who introduced the resolutions, received the following letter from Mr. Choate yesterday:

JOSEPH H. CHOATE.

"You have handed me a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Union League club of the city of New York, and have asked me to declare whether I would be a candidate for the position of United States senator, in accordance with these resolutions.

"In view of the present political condition in this state, I have no hesitation in saying that I will be a candidate, and, if elected, will try to serve the people of the state and the nation to the best of my ability.

"I am deeply grateful for the compliment paid me by the Union League club, foremost, as it has ever been, among organizations devoted to the success of the Republican party, for whose candidates I have voted for from the beginning and in whose principles I have always believed. To that party the country must look now, as it ever has, for national safety and prosperity and the preservation of the constitution."

British Soldiers on a Good Time.

Halifax, Dec. 14.—Considerable talk has been created over an incident that has just leaked out in connection with the military on this station. Cambridge fort was the scene of the exciting occurrences. The result was that all the soldiers in the fort were placed under arrest, temporarily. The trouble arose over the damaging and alleged willful destroying of a quantity of powder. It appears that several artillerymen from Fort Ogilvie visited their comrades at the other fort. They imbibed considerable beer, and became reckless, and destroyed the powder. The next day all the men were arrested, and an officer held an inquiry, with the result that a fine was imposed on each man.

Blow at Dramatic Firms.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The senate yesterday agreed to the house amendments to the copyright bill, which passed the latter body last week. The measure now goes to the president for his signature. The bill makes the piracy of a play a misdemeanor, and an injunction granted by a circuit judge under it is enforceable all over the states. It will thus prevent copyrighted plays from being produced without the authorization of the owners, because an injunction granted in one jurisdiction will be operative in every other jurisdiction of the United States.

Maine's Patrons of Husbandry.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 15.—The annual meeting of the State Grange began here last night at city hall. About 600 patrons from out of town were in attendance, also many citizens of Augusta. Dr. G. M. Twitchell presided. The speakers were Hon. W. S. Choate, mayor of Augusta; C. S. Hichborn, Edward Wiggin, Professor W. W. Stetson and W. J. Thompson. At present there are about 20,000 members in the grange, and the number increases annually. This is intended to be the most successful meeting ever held. All the hotels are filling fast, and it is expected that there will be many arrivals today. The hall and many buildings about town are decorated beautifully. The meeting will continue until Friday.

Estimate of Deficiencies.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The secretary of the treasury sent to congress yesterday the estimates of deficiencies in appropriations amounting to $6,691,632, required to meet urgent demands of the government for the service of the current and prior fiscal years. The deficiency in each department is given as follows: Legislative, $600; treasury, $1,409,812; war, $3,846,600; navy, $700,000; justice, $734,720.

Was Old In Many Ways.

Winston, N. C., Dec. 15.—Rev. William Warren Albea died here Sunday night, aged 86 years. He was the oldest member of the Western North Carolina Methodist Episcopal conference. His name stood at the head of the list for several years. He was also the oldest Mason and Odd Fellow in the state.

Going to the Pole by Balloon.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Godart and Surcouf, the aeronauts, are about to organize a balloon expedition to the North Pole. They state that the idea was first suggested to them, some three years ago, by Walty Wellman, but the idea was given up, owing to the attempt of Professor Andree.

The Enemy Is Ours!

The grippe usually leaves the sufferer in a very feeble condition, with a persistent cough and other premonitory symptoms of pulmonary affection. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup promptly administered at the beginning of an attack of grippe, will forestall that dangerous enemy to life—consumption. Mrs. Maggie Tulga, Ironton, Ohio, says: "It affords me much pleasure to bear testimony to the merits of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. I had been a sufferer from the grippe for a week, I tried a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and after taking it, was completely cured of the dreadful cough and disease. I cheerfully recommend it to all sufferers." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is sold everywhere for 25 cents.

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GENERAL WEYLER

Says Maceo Was Not Killed by Treachery.

BUT WHILE LEADING HIS TROOPS TO BATTLE.

Put Himself at Their Head and Died.

New York, Dec. 15.—The New York World's correspondent at Habana sent last night the following signed statement from General Weyler on Maceo's death:

"Maceo died as a result of the feeble state in which were the insurgents' bands in Habana province. Doubtless, before the sudden attacks and the constant persecution of the battalion of San Quintin, they were losing ground. To reorganize those bands he put himself at their head, and for this he died, together with a number of his officers and men. In the same manner have died many generals in all the wars of the world.

"Maceo was not killed in an ambush. My assertions can be proved by the fact that the Spanish column which fought against his forces had to maintain itself against the fire of the insurgents and the insurgents were strong enough in number to retake the bodies of Maceo and the son of Maximo Gomez, which were carried from the field.

"Maceo was surrounded by his own men, who embarked with him and passed the trocha, it is affirmed by his own physician, Dr. Zertucha.

"It is not true that Maceo was coming from any conference with me. I can prove it with two reasons. The first is that if I was in the province of Pinar del Rio, how could I summon him to the province of Habana? The second is, that knowing myself the situation in which Maceo was in Pinar del Rio, knowing that his situation was so desperate that he asked help from the rebel forces in the other parts of the island, I would not be so innocent as to agree to a conference with him in a place where he would be out of the trocha.

"Once in Habana he would have resolved the problem of breaking the circle in which I had him and his forces in Pinar del Rio.

"Maceo died as all who command forces who at the sight of the enemy fly. This discouraged band he brought to Habana province with the hope of making it fight. Any other chief, in similar circumstances, if his men disbanded would be sure to die, and that is what happened to Maceo."

MACEO'S LAST LETTER.

Writes to the Cuban Junta Words of Highest Praise For General Rivera.

New York, Dec. 15.—The last letter that the Cuban junta in this city received from Gen Antonio Maceo, curiously, contained an estimate of the qualities of General Ruiz Rivera, who, if Maceo has been killed, as is now generally admitted, will succeed to that insurrectionist leader's command. General Maceo wrote:

"Rivera is not only brave, tireless and indomitable; but he is a great tactician. He is a thorough soldier, and has had military advantages enjoyed by but few of the men in my command. He knows the map of Cuba as well as the oldest guide, and can hold Pinar del Rio against the Spanish army for 10 years if necessary.

"His ideas of mountain fighting have always met with my cordial approval, and in those instances where he has been compelled to think and act for himself he has shown a coolness, a wisdom and a strategic talent even superior to my own. On several occasions he has converted defeat into victory. On others, when it looked as if he and a small force were absolutely shut in by a large army, he has escaped without losing a man.

"In establishing his post he has picked out invariably positions that were almost impregnable, and which at the same time permitted him an avenue of escape, in case the worst should come to the worst. In storing and concealing munitions of war and camp equipments he has shown a cunning that at times has made me even laugh. I believe he could conceal a regiment of horses inside of a Spanish army and keep them undiscovered a month.

"He had a great record in the 10-years' war, and since that time has continued his military studies and experience. He was a good organizer and a good disciplinarian, and at the same time is very popular with his men. He is what is called a Yankee in his methods, being very careful of his soldiers, cautious of losing life and extremely strict in keeping the weapons of his men in the best possible order. It is well to write you of these things, because at any moment I am liable to be killed by the enemy, and some one will have to take my place. If it be Rivera I am certain you will have a general of much ability and greatness."

Will Fight For Cuban Freedom.

Boston, Dec. 15.—Eighty-five men, intelligent and well up in military training, left Boston last night, bound for Cuba, where they will fight in the army of the insurgents. They were in command of Lewis Marshall of East Boston, who has seen service in actual warfare. He was a corporal in the Union army during the War of the Rebellion. Since the outbreak of the war in Cuba his sympathies have been with the insurgents, and he has in many ways assisted them materially.

Policemen Guard Our Consulate.

Habana, Dec. 15.—The United States consulate in this city is under a special guard of armed policemen. This precaution is taken by the Spanish authorities owing to the fear that the indignation expressed by Spanish sympathizers against the United States would find vent in an attack upon the consulate. There have been fresh signs of the hostile feeling against the United States in view of the news there of the ardent sympathy felt with the insurgents over the death of Antonio Maceo and the allegations made there of the manner in which he was killed.

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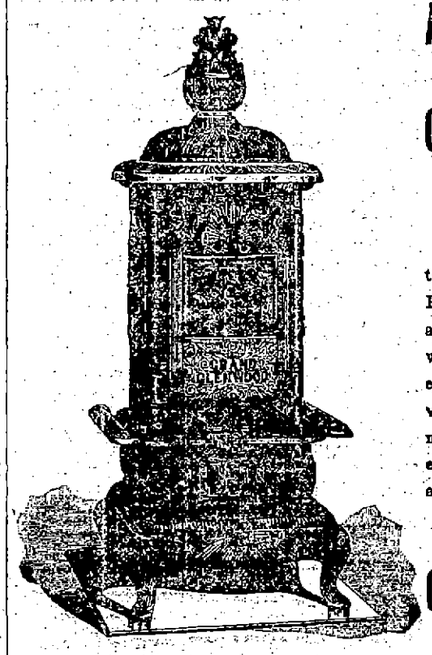

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ON THE TARIFF

Ways and Means Committee Begin Monday.

WILL CONTINUE DAILY FOR TWO WEEKS.

Written Statements May be Sent to Clerk.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The action of the Republican members of the ways and means committee on Saturday last in deciding to give hearings on the new tariff bill which it is proposed to prepare at this session, was formally ratified at the full committee meeting yesterday.

In the debate in the committee, Representative Turner declared that the committee did not have the power to formulate a bill for the next congress. He remarked that if rumor was true, the bill credited to Mr. Dingley might wait until the next administration, when, as secretary of the treasury, he might give advice and instruction to the next congress, which would be called upon to legislate upon it.

Mr. McMillin (Tenn.) argued that there was no present need of increase in the tariff taxes, that the treasury now held about $130,000,000 in addition to the gold reserve.

He said that even if the present rate of deficiencies continued, it would take more than two years to absorb and force into circulation this idle money.

In response to the suggestion that it would be well to increase the gold reserve from $100,000,000 to $150,000,000, and thereby absorb or utilize $50,000,000 of the gold reserve, he said no good could come from keeping more money out of circulation, and said no one hoped or believed that it was possible any tariff bill would be passed this session.

A resolution to adjourn from Dec. 22 to Jan. 5 was agreed to, as was also a resolution offered by Mr. Payne of New York to commence hearings on the bill on Dec. 28. This resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means give public hearings to such persons as desire to be heard on the several schedules of the tariff at the ways and means committee room at 10 o'clock, a. m., as follows:

On Monday, Dec. 28, schedule A, chemicals, oils and paints, and schedule H, spirits, wines and other beverages.

On Tuesday, Dec. 29, schedule I, cotton manufactures, and schedule L, silk and silk goods.

On Wednesday, Dec. 30, schedule E, sugar and molasses.

On Thursday, Dec. 31, Schedule D, wood and manufactures of, and schedule M, pulp, papers and books.

On Saturday, Jan. 2, schedule J, flax, hemp, jute and manufactures of.

On Monday, Jan 4, schedule F, tobacco and manufactures of.

On Tuesday, Jan 5, schedule G, agricultural products and provisions, including live animals, dairy products, fruits, fish, meats, salt, etc.

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, schedule K, wool, and on Thursday, Jan. 7, manufactures of wool.

On Friday, Jan. 8, schedule B, earthenware, glassware, marble and stone.

On Saturday, Jan. 9, schedule C, iron and lead ores, metals and manufactures of.

On Monday, Jan. 11, schedule N, sundries, including buttons, coal, gloves, leather and manufactures of, and free list.

Persons who desire to present a written statement in respect to any of said schedules may forward the same to the clerk of the committee at any time prior to the closing of the hearing, as above.

McKinley Will Visit Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Major William McKinley is coming to Chicago the latter part of this week for a brief visit at the home of Lafayette McWilliams, where Mrs. McKinley has been for several days. How long the president-elect may remain in the city depends very much upon Mrs. McKinley. It is said the main object of his trip here being to accompany her on the return journey to Canton. According to the present program the president-elect will arrive in the city not earlier than next Thursday, not later than Friday night. Circumstances may arise which will change the time of his arrival.

Brazil Accepts Rules of the Sea.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Secretary Olney has received a cablegram from the United States legation at Petropolis, Brazil, announcing that Brazil has accepted the rules for the prevention of collisions at sea, framed at the maritime conference held at Washington. The chief maritime nations of the world now have given their assent to the new international rules, and they will go into effect on July 1, next year, a humane end that has been reached only after protracted negotiations.

Prize Winners Receive Their Cash.

New York, Dec. 15.—The prize winners in the last six-days bicycle race received their shares of the gate money yesterday. Hale was paid $1300, Rice $800, Reading $550, Forster $350, Schock $300, Pierce $200, Smith $150, Taylor $150 and Ashinger and Moore $100 each. Although not entitled to prizes, the management gave Maddox, Cassidy, Gannon, McLeod and Glyck $75 each.

Died a Horrible Death.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Alice Thomas, a colored woman, who is known to be over 102 years old, was fatally burned yesterday. She fell against the stove, and not having strength to summon outside assistance, there being no one else at the house at the time, died a horrible death.

Dr. Zertucha's Latest.

Madrid, Dec. 15.—A long story of the circumstances attending the death of Antonio Maceo, by Dr. Zertucha, his physician, is published here. It concludes with saying: "Maceo always admired the bravery of the Spaniards, and had little liking for Americans."

President's Shooting Trip.

Georgetown, S. C., Dec. 15.—President Cleveland is at the hunting grounds of General E. P. Alexander, whose guest he will be while here. The shooting yesterday was unsatisfactory, the weather being entirely too mild to bring the ducks within range.

Hanlan Wants a Race.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Edward Hanlan, the oarsman, will visit England this coming spring. He has been trying to arrange sculling races with Barry, Harding and others. Joseph E. Seagram of Waterloo is willing to back Hanlan against scullers on the other side of the ocean.

HE HASN'T HEARD OF IT.

But It Is Said Hay Brown of Lancaster May Be McKinley's Attorney General.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 15.—Hay Brown, when questioned last night in reference to the printed report that he has been selected as attorney general by President-elect McKinley, declared that he knew nothing whatever about the matter, save what he had heard was printed in an afternoon newspaper. He had had no conversation upon the subject, either with the president-elect, with National Chairman Hanna, or any one else. He declined to say whether he would accept the appointment.

Persons close to Mr. Brown profess to believe that he would decline the tender of any public place, and point to the fact that about a year ago he refused the chief justiceship of the state superior court when proffered by Governor Hastings. There are many, however, who are inclined to believe that Mr. Brown would waive his objection to a political position in the event of a proffer so distinctly in the scope of his profession as the attorney generalship.

A few years ago he was strongly urged for a place on the supreme bench of the United States when a vacancy occurred in that tribunal, and both Senators Cameron and Quay were his staunch backers. Mr. Brown is regarded here as the particular personal friend of Senator Cameron, while his familiar relation to Quay is evidenced by the fact that he accompanied the latter on his historic visit to Canton during the canvass for the Republican presidential nomination, and is believed to have been largely instrumental in arranging an amicable understanding between Senator Quay and Major McKinley. He is also on terms of close friendship with Chris Magee of Pittsburg.

Mr. Brown is about 47 years of age and unmarried, though his engagement to a prominent young society belle of this city was recently announced, and the wedding is said to be close at hand. He is a native of York county, but has been practicing law here since his admission to the bar. He is the law partner of W. U. Hensel, who was attorney general of Pennsylvania in Governor Pattison's last cabinet.

Decision Against Worcester.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 15.—Justice Barker of the supreme court has handed down a decision in the suit of the town of Millbury against the city of Worcester to compel the city to purify its sewage before emptying it into the Blackstone river. The contention of the plaintiffs was that the city was not complying with the statute of 1886. The court found that the sewage purification work of the city is not effectual, and has ordered the city to report to the court within three months what further steps it is taking, or proposes to take, to comply with the statute. The case is retained in court for such further proceedings as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of the law.

Not Offered to Dingley.

Cleveland, Dec. 15.—National Chairman M. A. Hanna was back at his office desk again yesterday, busily engaged in attending to a large accumulation of mail. He positively declined to discuss cabinet or other political subjects. A gentleman who is very close to the president-elect, as well as to the national chairman, stated that he knew for a certainty that the treasury portolio had not been offered to Mr. Dingley, as has been reported.

Commission Merchant Dead.

Boston, Dec. 15.—Charles H. Clark, 62 years old, of the firm of Nelson & Clark, one of the largest commission houses in this section of the country, died at his home in Charlestown, here, yesterday. He was born in Brookfield, Vt., April 27, 1844. When he was a young man he left his country home and settled in Boston. Mr. Clark was a prominent member of several social and fraternal organizations, among them being the Owls, Ancient and Honorable Artillery, Fusileers, 999th Artillery association and the Masonic order.

Chapman Did Not Appear.

Washington, Dec. 15.—It was expected, in view of the decision of the supreme court refusing a writ of error in his case, that Elverton R. Chapman of New York, the recalcitrant Sugar trust investigation witness, would surrender himself yesterday to the district marshal. He did not, however, put in an appearance at the courthouse. District Attorney Birney appears anxious to hurry matters, but cannot do anything until the supreme court mandate in the writ of error petition is handed down.

The Casket Was Broken Open.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 15.—During the funeral services over the body of J. Frank Williams, a prominent citizen of Seaford, at that place yesterday, the floor of the room where they were being held gave way, and precipitated the entire party a distance of eight feet into the cellar. The casket was broken open and the corpse rolled out. Several women fainted and great excitement prevailed, but no one was seriously injured.

Boston's Asphyxiation Victims.

Boston, Dec. 15.—The body of Miss Mary L. Collins, one of the victims of Friday night's asphyxiation at 47 St. Botolph street, was shipped to the home of her people in Kentucky, for burial, yesterday. The body of Samuel P. Putnam, the other victim, still lies at the undertaking rooms, where services will be held today at 2 o'clock, for immediate friends only. The body will then be taken to Forest Hills and cremated.

Ready to Go to Cuba.

Denver, Dec. 15.—Launcelot E. Dawson, a prominent physician and surgeon for many of the principal mining companies at Creede, and for the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad company at that place, has written Colonel John McAndrew of the Cuban volunteers, here, offering his services as surgeon of the regiment.

Citizens Will Receive the Governor.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 15.—The time-honored custom of an inauguration reception tendered by the governor to the citizens of New Hampshire is to be changed at the coming inauguration. Governor-elect Ramsdell will be the recipient of a reception by the citizens of Concord.

Three New Fruit Steamers.

Boston, Dec. 15.—The fleet of fruit steamers controlled by the Boston Fruit company of this city will shortly be augmented by the addition of three new steamers, which for convenience and improved facilities for carrying and handling perishable fruit will far surpass anything now engaged in the trade. The first of the new trio was successfully launched last Saturday afternoon.

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR PRESERVES THE Natural Color of the Hair

CONGRESS TO ACT

On the Immigration Bill Thursday.

THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT OF ITS PASSAGE.

Morse Liquor Bill Occupies the House.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The final vote on the immigration bill will be taken in the senate next Thursday at 4 p. m., according to an agreement reached yesterday. Little doubt is entertained as to the passage of the measure, and as it already has passed the house, it will be in conference before the holidays.

Mr. Call (Dem., Fla.) renewed attention to the Cuban question by three resolutions, one being a bitter denunciation of the manner in which it is alleged General Antonio Maceo had been killed, while under a flag of truce. Other resolutions by Mr. Call requested the president to demand the release of prisoners at the Spanish penal settlement on the Island of Ceuta, and also asked the secretary of state for a list of Americans held in Spanish prisons. The Call resolutions went to the committee on foreign relations.

Several spirited political colliquies occurred on the floor during the day. Mr. Allen's speech, protesting against intemperate criticism of Populism in Nebraska, led to a passage between him and Mr. Hoar, in which the Massachusetts senator declared that it was a new and novel departure for senators to appear as the representatives of political parties, instead of representatives of their states. In the course of Mr. Allen's remarks, he paid a glowing tribute to William J. Bryan, as the foremost citizen of Nebraska, and the greatest orator since the days of Webster and Clay. Later in the day, Mr. Chandler and Mr. Mitchell had a good natured encounter.

The executive session of the senate was devoted almost entirely to the receipt of reports on nominations made by committees, a large share of those made coming from the committee on judiciary, which met yesterday. Among those on which favorable reports were made was that of Hon. Charles G. Nott, to be chief justice of the court of claims; of Hon. John H. Rogers, to succeed the late Judge Parker, as judge of the western district of Arkansas, and of W. B. Childers, as district attorney for New Mexico. Childers' nomination is among those which failed of confirmation last session, because of the opposition of Delegate Catron, which has now been withdrawn.

Among the nominations not reported yesterday were those of Judge Howry of Mississippi, to a place on the court of claims bench, and George F. Moore, to succeed Henry D. Clayton, as district attorney for the district of Alabama. There is opposition to Moore on the part of the friends of Clayton, who was removed during the last campaign, because he accepted a congressional nomination as a Silver Democrat.

Beyond agreeing to a resolution for a two weeks' holiday recess, beginning Dec. 22, the proceedings in the house yesterday were almost entirely devoid of public interest. Most of the day was spent in a struggle over the bill of Mr. Morse (Mass.) to render the laws relating to the sale of intoxicants in the District of Columbia more stringent. The opposition was inclined to filibuster against it, but it was finally passed. The president's veto of a bill to pension Lydia A. Taft, a "divorced widow," was sustained, 98 to 85, two not voting to override the disapproval. Several minor relief bills were passed.

Cable Cars Collided.

St. Paul, Dec. 15.—A serious accident occurred in this city last night on the Selby Avenue hill, two cable trains colliding, and very seriously injuring Miss Julia Holmberg, Miss Anna Munson and Henry B. Young, while a large number of others were less seriously injured. A cable train got away from control of the brakes and crashed into an ascending train at the foot of the hill at Pleasant avenue. A number of passengers jumped and escaped serious injury.

Marcus Hook Excited.

Marcus Hook, Pa., Dec. 15.—This little town was literally ablaze last night with indignation against Spain. Fully 2000 citizens of the place of Chester held a parade. Speeches in denunciation of Spain were made, and as a denouncement an effigy of Weyler was rigged up on a pole, fired at from many revolvers and finally burned, together with a Spanish flag. Intense excitement prevailed during the demonstration.

Princeton's Chess Players.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 15.—The following men were chosen yesterday to represent Princeton in the chess tournament with Harvard during the holidays: Seymour, '98; Young, '99. Seymour has taken part in the intercollegiate chess tournament for three years. Young is a new player.

Jealousy Was the Cause.

New York, Dec. 15.—Albert Schluss, said to belong to a good family in Germany, committed suicide yesterday, after shooting Margaret Peters, with whom he had been living, and by whose earnings he was supported. The woman will probably recover. Jealousy was the cause.

Denial From Governor Morton.

New York, Dec. 15.—Governor Morton denies explicitly that he has sent a message to President Cleveland, suggesting that he invite President-elect McKinley to Washington for the purpose of conferring on the Cuban situation.

Appeal For the Armenian Race.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Alphonse Daudet, Emile Zola, Aurelin Scholl, Francois Coppee and other notable personages have signed an appeal to the government to take action toward saving the Armenian race.

Connolly to Fight Burge.

London, Dec. 15.—Dick Burge of England and Eddie Connolly of Boston have signed articles of agreement for a boxing match before the Olympic club of Birmingham on Jan. 28 for £1000.

Asks For a Receiver.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Stewart has asked for a receiver for his paper, The Silver Knight. He places the liabilities of the concern at $3000, beside $15,000 which he advanced himself.

Russian Police Make Arrests.

Moscow, Dec. 15.—The police have seized a number of political letters and papers at the students' lodgings, and have made 40 more arrests.

BUTT R BOYS BACK.

Tell About [illegible] Story as Other Bicyclists Who Visited Europe.

New York, Dec. 15.—Another team of American bicyclists has returned from Europe with about the same story as has been told by all of the teams that have invaded European shores for the past two years.

When Tom and Nat Butler, two of the fastest men in America, left for Europe on Oct. 1, with their trainer and manager, McLeish, they hoped to convince the foreigners, and particularly the Frenchmen, that Americans were not so easy as they had been led to believe by the easy manner in which Americans had been defeated in Europe within the last two years. But the Butler brothers returned Sunday, after a sadly disastrous trip.

"The only reason for our return," said Manager McLeish, "was that Tom was taken sick when London was reached and was unable to make a creditable showing against the foreign riders. He only started in one race, and in that race was so badly beaten that I did not think it advisable to enter him in another, and concluded to return home and possibly take him abroad next summer.

"Nat Butler started in two handicap races; ran second in one trial heat and third in the other, starting on both occasions from scratch. He was handicapped too heavily, and had no chance to qualify in the final heat of either race.

"The report that we had trouble with the track managers in Paris is without foundation. Nat agreed with the manager of the Velodrome de la Seine that he would make his initial appearance in France at that track. On learning of this arrangement the managers of the Winter track said he would have neither of the Butler boys appear at any of his tracks if they made their first appearance at the Velodrome de la Seine, which is an outdoor track. As the latter was to have but one more meet, while at the indoor tracks there would be racing all winter, Nat decided that it would be better for him to cancel his engagement. There had been no written agreement for his appearance, and when he explained matters to the managers of the outdoor track they agreed to release him from his verbal agreement.

"It is not unlikely that we shall go abroad again next summer, when I hope to see both of the Butler brothers make a better showing than they did on their first visit."

Republican Congressional Committee.

Washington, Dec. 15.—A special meeting of the executive committee of the Republican congressional campaign committee will be held this week, to consider the project for maintaining permanent headquarters in Washington, which will probably be adopted. Representative Babcock of Wisconsin, the chairman, and Representative Apsley of Massachusetts, vice chairman of the committee, both announce that they will decline to serve longer in their positions. Representative Mercer of Nebraska will probably continue in the position of secretary. Representative Hull of Iowa is talked for chairman, to succeed Mr. Babcock.

Watson Contests Black's Seat.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Hon. Thomas Watson of Georgia, recently Populist candidate for vice president, will appear before the committee on election on Jan. 8, to contest the title of the seat now held by Judge Black in the house. Judge Black was elected to this congress over Mr. Watson, but the Populist candidate charged that the election was procured by fraud, so Judge Black resigned, and was re-elected in a special election held Oct. 2, 1895, by a majority of 1500. Mr. Watson contends that the second election was also secured by fraud.

Insane With Religious Frenzy.

New York, Dec. 15.—At Vineland, N. J., yesterday afternoon a crowd of armed men battered down the door of the home of Luigi Jorio, cut through the cellar, and after a terrific struggle captured Antonio Jorio, who had brutally murdered his father. In the cellar with the murderer were his mother and his brother, all insane with religious frenzy.

An Unknown Man Killed.

Boston, Dec. 15.—An unknown man was struck by a train at Hogg's bridge, Jamaica Plain, last night. The body is at the morgue.

Daughter Claims First Payment.

Amesbury, Mass., Dec. 15.—The payment of the $50,000 bequest to the poor of the town of Salisbury, made by the late millionaire, William Hilton of Boston, has been delayed again on the claim of attorneys retained in behalf of a daughter of Mr. Hilton. The lawyers argue that her bequest should be first paid, and the deficiency caused by the decrease of the value of Mr. Hilton's estate should be made up to the daughter out of the public bequest.

Principal of Dean Academy Resigns.

Franklin, Mass., Dec. 15.—Lester L. Burrington, A. M., principal of Dean academy, tendered his resignation to the board of trustees of that institution yesterday morning. Professor Burrington has been forced to take this action on account of continued ill-health and the imperative demand of his physicians that he must cease work at once. Professor Burrington has been connected with Dean academy for 21 years, 17½ years of which he acted as principal.

Manuel Saorez Reported Dead.

Habana, Dec. 15.—Private advices give assurance of the death, from dysentery, of the well known insurgent general, Manuel Suarez, who had been a protege of Martinez Campos since the peace of Zanjon. He still had General Campos' confidence at Villa Clara, previous to the general's voyage to Manzanillo, but at that time he proved so traitorous as almost to lead to the death of Campos at Harelejo.

Don Carlos Will Abdicate.

Madrid, Dec. 15.—A dispatch to The Imparcial from Rome says that Don Carlos, the pretender to the throne of Spain, intends to abdicate his claims in favor of his son, Don Jaime.

Fall Fractured His Skull.

Webster, N. H., Dec. 15.—Edward French, aged 65 years, fell from a cart yesterday afternoon and fractured his skull. He died in a few hours. He was a forty-niner.

Worcester's Finest Get a Raise.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 15.—The city council last night voted to increase the pay of the patrolmen of the police department from $2.50 per day to $2.75. Hereafter, all members appointed to the police department shall receive $2.25 the first year, $2.50 the second and $2.75 thereafter.

Beecham's pills for constipation 10¢ and 25¢. Get the book at your druggist's and go by it.

Annual sales more than 6,000,000 boxes.

HOUSE DECLINES

To Act Upon the Cuban Question.

THE LEADERS ARE VERY CONSERVATIVE.

They Are Opposed to Any Intervention.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The reported assassination of Maceo has rekindled interest in the Cuban question in the house, although it is hardly likely that the interest will be productive of any legislative action. Members are unanimous in denouncing the method by which it is claimed the Cuban leader was entrapped to his death, although many of them say that the information up to date is insufficient to justify any assumption by congress that Maceo was assassinated.

Several joint resolutions calling for the recognition of the independence and of the belligerency of the revolutionists have been referred to the house committee on foreign affairs. Chairman Hitt of that committee says that a meeting will be called this week to take up the diplomatic appropriation bill and to consider general business. It is probable that the Cuban partisans on the committee will endeavor to bring up their projects for recognition, and there will be a discussion, if nothing more, of the question.

The house leaders are disposed to be very conservative in their treatment of this question, and most of them believe, with President Cleveland, that there should be no intervention by this congress. This is understood to be the position held by Speaker Reed and Chairman Hitt.

Messrs. Hitt, Draper and Adams constitute the standing sub-committee on Cuba of the foreign affairs committee. General Draper said yesterday that the conflicting reports left him in doubt whether Maceo had been assassinated or whether he was really dead. He thought it quite probable that President Cleveland's assertion, that the conflict had become one of wanton murder on both sides, might be correct. He saw no possible outcome of the revolution but the final victory of Spain, or intervention by the United States. General Draper is still opposed to intervention, as he was in the last congress. Representative McCreary of Kentucky, formerly chairman of the committee, said that the killing of Maceo was a great outrage, if it had been perpetrated as reported. Such a violation of faith should never occur during the civil war, he said.

There was much talk about the house that there should be an investigation of the circumstances of Maceo's death, but congress could hardly conduct a satisfactory inquiry, even if it had authority for such proceeding under international law. It is quite probable that the state department will be called upon to furnish all the information it has concerning the affair. Without the action of the foreign affairs committee and the committee on rules, Cuba cannot be brought forward in the house, and it is decidedly uncertain whether any rule can be secured from the latter committee, even if the former acts.

Representative W. V. Howard of Alabama has introduced a resolution recognizing the republic of Cuba as a free and independent government.

Spain Will Go Slow.

Madrid, Dec. 15.—The newspapers of this city confirm the statement that the Spanish ministers, at the cabinet council, will postpone taking any decision in regard to the statements made by President Cleveland on the Cuban situation in his recent message to congress. The government here will await the arrival by mail of the text of the president's message before taking any action in the matter.

Boston Will Hold Cuban Aid Fair.

Boston, Dec. 15.—A fair, the proceeds of which will be used to help the distressed patriots who are fighting for liberty in Cuba, will be held in this city in February.

IN HYPNOTIC STATE.

Prof. Watson is Either a Great Hypnotist or Has Great Power to Deceive the People.

Prof. Watson, the remarkable hypnotist, drew a large audience, including several prominent physicians to Runels' hall last evening, before whom he performed his usual feats.

Yesterday his principal subject was Mr. King, a Rhode Island man, who slept for four hours in Martin's window. Saturday he slept in Runels' hall from noon until three o'clock. Last evening two good subjects were found in the audience and great interest was aroused. One of Prof. Cadwell's subjects on the occasion of the deceased professor's visit to this city created considerable excitement by challenging Prof. Watson from the floor. In addition to Prof. Watson's entertainment, Prof. McCrann gave an exhibition of legerdermain.

SPECIAL MEETING

Of the Board of Aldermen—Petitions Referred.

The aldermen at a special meeting last evening authorized the board of registrars to commence the recount for mayor in Wards 2 and 5, for aldermen all over the city, and for overseer of the poor in Ward 6.

The following petitions were referred: of J. M. Brooks et als. for a fire alarm box at the corner of Bridge and Fifth streets; of N. P. Jones et als. for the acceptance of a sidewalk in Second avenue; of F. M. Barry et als. for an electric light at the corner of Chelmsford and Howard streets; of the New England Telegraph and Telephone Co. for location of poles on Nesmith and Wyman streets.

The resolution to lay out and accept Townsend avenue was passed, and several reports were ordered to remain in the city clerk's office seven days.

Silver Wedding Reception.

Mrs. F. E. Battles of 28 Mt. Washington street, gave an enjoyable reception last evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coburn of this city. The affair was entirely informal in nature and was in recognition of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Coburn's marriage. About twenty of the members of the family were present, and the evening was pleasantly spent in music, games and other amusements. Refreshments were served, and it was a late hour when this delightful family reunion came to a close.

First class job printing at this office.

TRIBUTE TO FR. CONATY

From the Faculty of Holy Cross College.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 15.—The faculty of Holy Cross college gave a banquet last evening to Rev. Dr. Conaty, the newly appointed rector of the Catholic university at Washington, which was attended by Bishop Beaven and the six surviving members of the class of '69, of which Dr. Conaty was a member, and by all the Catholic pastors and curates of the city. The banquet was followed by a reception by the students and alumni of the college, at which there was a program of addresses and music by the students. After this, congratulatory addresses were made by President Lehy and Bishop Beaven, and Dr. Conaty spoke in acknowledgment.

LUNATIC CAPTURED

After an Exciting Race—Escaped Through a Window.

Taunton, Mass., Dec. 15.—Horatio Wetherell, a lunatic, who was brought here yesterday by officers from his home in Falmouth, eluded his keepers, while eating in a restaurant, and escaped through a window. After an exciting chase over a number of fences and through many back yards, he ran into a house, and was captured in the second story. Wetherell, who is only 30 years old, became insane last Saturday, through his religious exertions. He was committed to the asylum yesterday afternoon.

SUICIDE SURMISED

In the Death of B. D. Bowman of Turner's Falls.

Turner's Falls, Mass., Dec. 15.—D. M. Bowman, aged 58, has disappeared, and it is surmised that he has committed suicide. He was last seen standing on the lower suspension bridge over the Connecticut river, about midnight. His son, Edward, is superintendent of the Niagara Falls Paper company, and a daughter, Mrs. Albert Smith, is the wife of the superintendent of the Montague Paper company of this place.

FILIBUSTER CHASING.

Cruisers Newark and Raleigh at Sea Trying to Catch the Three Friends.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 15.—A special received by The Citizen from Key West states that cruisers Newark and Raleigh received telegraphic instructions from Washington at noon yesterday, and that the cruisers at once put to sea to capture the steamer Three Friends, which left Fernandina at an early hour yesterday morning with a cargo of arms and ammunition, besides about 50 Cubans, to be landed in Cuba.

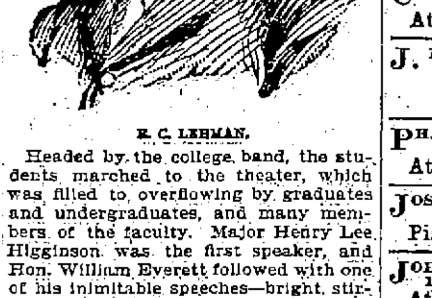
Instructions were also received for the revenue cutter McLain at Miami and the Winona and Forward at Key West to intercept the Three Friends if possible. Every effort will thus be made to catch the little filibuster, which succeeded in getting away with its cargo, despite the vigilance of the government officials and the Spanish spies. This was done by using the Commodore as a decoy, the Cubans announcing that all of the preparations being made were to send the Commodore with a cargo of arms and ammunition to Cuba. The Commodore lay at its wharf, and no attempt was made to clear from the custom house.

The actual cargo carried by the Three Friends was as follows: Four hundred thousand rounds of ammunition; 1040 rifles; one 12-pound Hotchkiss gun; 200 machetes; 4000 pounds of dynamite, besides a quantity of medicine, provisions, etc.

HARVARD AROUSED.

College Men Go Wild at Mass Meeting in Honor of the Rowing Coach Lehman.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 15.—A rousing mass meeting was held in Sanders theater last evening in honor of R. C. Lehman, Harvard's new rowing coach, who will sail for home on Wednesday. Such intense earnestness and unbounded enthusiasm as was shown last night is without precedent at Harvard. Cheer after cheer fairly shook the auditorium, and at the meeting's end Mr. Lehman was cheered to the echo for five successive minutes.



R. C. LEHMAN.

Headed by the college band, the students marched to the theater, which was filled to overflowing by graduates and undergraduates, and many members of the faculty. Major Henry Lee Higginson was the first speaker, and Hon. William Everett followed with one of his inimitable speeches—bright, stirring and eloquent throughout. He introduced Mr. Lehman as a member of his own "Trinity college in Cambridge."

Tumultuous applause greeted Dr. Everett's ringing words, and when Mr. Lehman stepped forward it was the signal for another outburst of prolonged cheering. Mr. Lehman made an impressive, serious speech, which won the hearts of his hearers.

Judgment Against Fitzsimmons.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Judgment was given yesterday in the superior court in favor of Jimmy Carroll, the lightweight pugilist, against Robert Fitzsimmons for $907, for services performed in training Fitzsimmons at New Orleans.

Shoe Manufacturer Assigns.

Danvers, Mass., Dec. 15.—William H. Burns, a shoe manufacturer, has made an assignment. His liabilities are said to be $25,000, with small assets.

Horses Transferred.

The annual transfer of horses from the street watering department to the fire department was made yesterday morning, and from now until the 1st of April the single hose wagon will be drawn by two horses and an extra horse will be seen on nearly all of the double hitches. The street watering department has no further use for the animals and they are loaned to the fire department for their keeping.

DR. KELLEY. SURGEON DENTIST.

CLAIMS HIS CHILD.

Ferdinand Ward, Napoleon of Finance, Seeks the Custody of His Son.

New Haven, Dec. 15.—Within a few days Ferdinand Ward, known everywhere as New York's former Napoleon of finance, will appear in the United States court in this city as plaintiff in proceedings to secure the custody of his son, Clarence, and the boy's property. The defendants in the case are Frederick D. Green of Thompson, the boy's uncle and guardian, and the Franklin Trust company of Brooklyn, which now holds the boy's estate in trust.

While Ward was serving a term in Sing Sing prison, for the alleged wrecking of the Marine bank, his wife died, and she left to her son the remnants of her fortune, $55,000 in amount. When Ward was released from prison, he became the guest of Mr. Green in Thompson, and later caused the boy to be abducted and delivered to him in Webster, Mass. Mr. Green finally recovered the boy, and has kept him since. Ward's residence is now in Genesee, N. Y., and he proposes to claim, through the United States court, his son.

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NOTICE TO ENGINEERS.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex s. s. Lowell, Dec. 12, 1896.

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Immediately after will be sold one horse, one wagon, and one sleigh.

E. E. MANSUR, Constable of Lowell.

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WANT COLUMN.

LOST—A dog, all white except a black spot around eye and ear. The finder can leave at Sun office and get rewarded.

LOST—Saturday, a. m., Dec. 12, a sum of money inclosed in a leather case, name of owner on inside of cover. Please return to Middlesex Steam laundry, 140 Middlesex street, and be rewarded.

WANTED—Good man to take agency for Dirigo cream in Lowell and vicinity. Address, Dirigo Creamery Co., Beverly, Mass.

LADIES TO WRITE for us at home. No canvassing. Reply, enclosing stamp, Silver Fern Co., Aurora, Indiana.

TO LET—4 room flat at 634 Broadway.

TO LET—Sunny five room tenement on Moody street. Enquire at 521 Merrimack street.

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FOR SALE—Near Chelmsford street. Good cottage house, near mills. Price, $1000. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

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WANTED—500 young and old men to bring their old clothes to Fred P. Lew's Dye house and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 477 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

SAVOY THEATRE Kendal Weston, Mgr.

Week Beginning Monday, Dec. 14th.

The Savoy Theatre Co. in a Brilliant Production of Robertson's great 3-act Comedy,

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Friday Night Souvenirs—Every lady in the audience Friday evening will receive an autograph-photograph of Mrs. Georgie Dickson.

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THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:07; sets, 4:13.
Length of day—9h. 6m.
Moon sets—2:50 a. m.
Full sea—7:45 a. m.; 8:15 p. m.

Forecast for New England: Fair during the day, followed by threatening weather in southern portion; colder in southeast portion; winds shifting to northeasterly.

LOCAL NEWS.

Always wins, Old Hundred.

T. C. Lee, fire insurance, Donovan bl'd.

Col. C. A. R. Dixon has returned from a two weeks trip in the South.

The Girls' Friendly society of St. Anne's church gave an entertainment in the vestry last evening.

The many friends of Mrs. John Fox will be pleased to hear that she is slowly recovering from her long siege of illness.

The December meeting of the board of trade will be held this evening at 8 o'clock and the secretary will review the municipal work of the last four years.

Dave Wallace of the Waverly house is in Newburyport at the election which is held there today. Several Boston voters working here are at their homes today to cast their votes.

Smokers', attention is called to misleading imitations of the popular 7-20-4 10c. cigar. See that every cigar is branded 7-20-4, which is a guarantee of imported filled and wrapper and strictly hand-made.

£ Xmas Drafts £.

For sale payable in Ireland, England and Scotland at Murphy's agency, 18 Appleton street. 25 years in the business.

For Women.

The Y. W. C. A. will open a gymnasium for women and children in the Shattuck block on Central street next month. The gymnasium will be located in the quarters formerly occupied by the telephone company and they will be fitted up and furnished with proper apparatus.

A Dinner Party.

The Progressive dinner party given last night by Mr. Edward H. Shattuck at his home on Andover street, in honor of his brother, Mr. George B. Shattuck, who is to be married on Wednesday to Miss Annie E. Gibson, was a very delightful affair for the thirty guests who were entertained.

BOWLING NEWS.

At the Highland club last evening Team Two defeated Team Seven 2150 to 2140.

The Vesper tournament game resulted in a victory for Team One over Team Seven 2241 to 2162.

In the Bankers' game Team Five lost to Team One 1710 to 1733.

The Firemen won a victory from the Young Fellows 2486 to 2417.

CITY HALL NOTES.

Tonight's meeting will be the last regular meeting of the aldermen for this year. The only member of this year's board who will sit in the aldermanic chamber next year will be Alderman Howe.

Some republicans who believe that the election of city officials will be vested in the city council next year are candidates for places now held by republicans. Among those who will have competitors in their own ranks are Supt. Cheney, Supt. Varnum and City Solicitor Quu.

The lands and buildings committee met last night and voted to have the ceiling of the new Bartlett school plastered with adamant.

PHILIP SULLIVAN.

His Brother Richard Would Like to Know of His Whereabouts.

Richard Sullivan of 18 Fenwick street, is very anxious to hear from his younger brother Philip, who is now 17 years of age. Philip was born in Lowell Oct. 28, 1879, and when quite young was taken to a home for Catholic children in the city of Boston.

He was later adopted by a man named Michael McNamara of Warrenham, Pa., with whom he stayed six or seven years and then left. Richard has heard nothing of him for twelve years, but would like to hear of his whereabouts.

Other papers please copy.

MATRIMONIAL.

A pretty wedding occurred in Belvidere last evening when ex-Councilman Charles Riley and Miss Bridget Dwyer a very popular young couple were united in the bonds of matrimony by Rev. Fr. Joyce, O. M. I., at the chapel of the Immaculate Conception church. The ceremony was witnessed by a few intimate friends. The bride was attended by Miss Mary A. Herne and the best man was Mr. James Dwyer, a brother of the bride.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride, 263 Concord street where a reception was held, a large number of friends calling to congratulate the happy couple. The house was prettily decorated and the bride and her maid beautifully gowned. A wedding dinner was served and the gifts were elaborate.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley left upon their wedding tour last evening amid showers of rice and good wishes and upon their return will reside at 262 Concord street.

COURTNEY'S INAUGURAL

Will Deal at Length With Needed Improvements in Little Canada.

Mayor Courtney has not yet commenced work on his inaugural address but in a few days he will commence to gather material for this important message.

It is stated that the condition of Little Canada's thoroughfares will receive even greater consideration than was accorded this important matter in previous inaugurals. And it is also stated that should Mayor Courtney find that, after a reasonable time, the city council has failed to provide necessary improvements in this section a special message may emanate from his office which the members of the city council cannot with propriety evade. The inaugural will undoubtedly be one of the most important ever submitted to a council in this city.

Wedding Anniversary.

The golden anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Johnson will be observed in an informal manner on Dec. 23d at their home, 161 School street. Reception 2 to 6 and 7 to 9 p. m. No cards.

Dolls and Toys.

We have got an elegant assortment of these necessary holiday goods at very low prices. Dickson Bros., the big ten dealers, 68 Merrimack street.

Les Miserables bowling alleys and billiard hall now open. East Merrimack street.

Dr. Colburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

The Bane of Beauty.

Beauty's bane is the fading or falling of the hair. Luxuriant tresses are far more to the matron than to the maid whose casket of charms is yet unrifled by time. Beautiful women will be glad to be reminded that falling or fading hair is unknown to those who use

Ayer's Hair Vigor.

SOME CRISP GOSSIP.

Louis Pritzkow, the popular young tenor, singer and composer, with Primrose and West's Minstrels, was entertained while in Lowell by members of The Sun force and others.

He rendered many selections for his hosts at the impromptu gathering. Mr. Pritzkow has a fine voice of exceptional range and is destined to be the "sweetest singer of them all."

On the stage he sings mostly songs of his own composition, which have had large sales in this country. His most popular and latest songs are "I've changed my mind since then," "Papa's baby," and "His only wish."

Mr. Pritzkow is a native of St. Louis. He is perfectly at home with newspaper men, for he is a first-class pressman and is the inventor of a wonderful bronzing machine now in progress of construction by a big New York firm. His success is but another instance of a bright boy's pluck. While he is singing his way into the hearts of the American "play goers" he has hosts of friends who rejoice at his every triumph.

John Storey of the New York Suit and Cloak company has issued a calendar of very handsome design, which he is giving those who call at his store.

The prettiest Christmas parties will be those held in the various kindergarten schools one week from tomorrow. I know of several little tots now in the primary grade who regretted leaving the kindergarten because they would miss their Christmas festival.

The weather is delightful for the night officers. One of the "cops" expressed the hope the other evening that the weather would continue as it is till about March first. Then he did not care how it came, because he knew it would not last long.

Sunday was a day of great importance to the Catholic church choirs of Lowell and the occasion added laurels to the participants. There were the dedicatory exercises in St. Jean Baptiste church to begin with, at which the choirs of that church and St. Joseph's, assisted by the choir Rossini presented one of the grandest musical programs ever heard in this city. Then the famed choir of the Immaculate Conception church, which through its excellence has drawn singers from all parts of the city. And lastly, there was the grand concert in Huntington hall by the Sacred Heart church choir, assisted by prominent choir singers of the city, a chorus of 100 in all, which was an unusually brilliant occasion from a musical standpoint. Church choirs in Lowell are fast gaining a widespread reputation for general excellence.

Lowell had the appearance of a genuine country town yesterday, so seldom was a street car seen in the square. Strangers looked about the streets expecting to see grass cropping up between the pavements, forgetting that we're all out of grass at this season of the year.

The Consumers' Hunting and Fishing club has been meeting with much success this fall, at its last expedition getting 10 rabbits and 3 partridge. Jack Graves shot a white rabbit at Littleton last week, but after he got up to it he found it was a cat.

A party of Ward 2 hunters went out in the country with a new dog the other day. The dog was a good ratter and a good feeder, but had never been hunting before. They started to hunt early in the morning and up to four in the afternoon hadn't even caught cold. About that time, however, they shot a live partridge, which the dog went after. They followed the dog as best they could, and got there in time to save the head and a few feathers, the dog having eaten the remainder.

SHERIFF CUSHING

Is Awarded a Contract by the Street Committee.

The street committee awarded a contract to H. Cushing last night.

Henry J. Cushing is sheriff of this county, but that did not prevent the street committee from voting him $260 to put Fowler road to grade.

The committee also voted to macadamize Roger street from Lawrence street to Tewksbury line.

A committee of three was appointed to appear before the county commissioners at the court house, Dec. 21, at which time a public hearing will be held on the petition for the rebuilding of the Lundberg street bridge.

Three Alarms Sent In.

The firemen responded to two telephone and one regular alarm last evening, all for the same blaze. The fire started in a partition in C. K. Fiske's dry goods store, 65 Merrimack street, and burned through the floor into the room of Ruth C. Upham, clairvoyant. The damage was not heavy.

Good Citizenship Club.

The Eliot Good Citizenship club will hold its regular meeting this evening in the vestry of the Eliot church.

John J. Pickman, Esq., will preside and Mr. E. M. Bigelow will read a paper upon "The sense in which all men are born free and equal."

Constipation

Causes fully half the sickness in the world. It retains the digested food too long in the bowels and produces biliousness, torpid liver, indigestion, bad taste, coated tongue, sick headache, insomnia, etc. Hood's Pills cure constipation and all its results, easily and thoroughly. 25c. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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THE BRAM TRIAL

Charged With Murder on High Seas.

PRISONER IS WELL AND QUITE CHEERFUL.

Legal Questions Occupy the Entire Day.

Boston, Dec. 15.—First Mate Thomas W. Bram, charged with the murder of Captain Charles I. Nash of the barkentine Herbert Fuller, on the high seas on July 14 last, was placed on trial in the United States circuit court yesterday morning, Justices Colt and Webb presiding.

When the court was opened at 10 o'clock, the prisoner, looking remarkably well, neatly dressed and cheerful, was placed in the iron cage. His counsel, James E. Cotter of Hyde Park and Asa P. French, were already in their seats, as were United States District Attorney Sherman Hoar and his assistants, John H. Casey and Frederick P. Cabot. There were also present many lawyers, who watched with the closest attention the progress of this most remarkable trial.

Mr. Hoar announced as soon as the court was opened that the government had not pressed all the counts of the indictment except the first and second, which relate to the murder of the captain alone. The counts relating to the murder of Mrs. Nash having been dropped, there was no trial of the defendant for the murder of the wife.

The list of jurors was then called, and it appeared that 31 were present. Mr. Cotter at once objected to the venire, on the ground that it was an illegal one, as not complying with the order of the court of Nov. 17 last, providing for a special venire of 100, who were to be apportioned in a specific manner among the towns of the commonwealth.

These and other objections raised were overruled by the court, and the drawing of the jury was then begun from an alphabetical list, and the usual questions were asked by the clerk of the court as their names were called.

The selection of a jury was completed late in the afternoon, and the 12 men who will decide the question of life or death for the prisoner are:

Henry J. Arnold, lumber dealer, Adams; Robert S. Brown, farmer, West Newbury; Harry J. Booth, commercial traveler, Hyde Park; Warren N. Blake, leather business, Woburn; Edward J. Burke, florist, Jamaica Plain; Oliver J. Briggs, carpenter, Cambridge; Shepard B. Dyer, farmer, Plainfield; Abel C. Ford, machinist, Hyde Park; Stephen H. Green, shoemaker, Stoneham; Charles A. Howes, sailmaker, Chatham; John J. Hughes, stonemason, Adams; Rinaldo A. Jack, traveling salesman, East Boston.

Fifty-three talesmen were examined before the counsel agreed upon the 12 men, and it was not until 4:30 that Mr. Jack was selected and completed the panel.

Judge Colt appointed Henry J. Arnold as foreman of the jury, but he asked to be excused from holding the position, and his request was granted, and Rinaldo A. Jack, the last juror, was appointed foreman. Court was then adjourned.

MILKMEN ARE ANGRY.

They Organize Against Tyranny of Contractors.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 15.—Five hundred of the milk producers of this state and a few from Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire met in Horticultural hall yesterday, and uttered a mighty protest against the alleged tyranny of the contractors.

Herbert Myrick of Springfield acted as chairman of the meeting and John B. Bowker of Worcester as secretary. One hundred towns responded to a roll call, and committees were appointed for each to arrange for the organization of local sections of the New England Milk Producers' union and to send delegates to the annual meeting of the central union, which is called in Boston for Jan 15.

A committee of 17 was appointed to make a report, and presented a statement that met with the approval of the meeting and was adopted. Among the objects set forth in this statement are the co-operation with the buyers in the fixing of the price of milk, the restriction of the further extension of railroad milk routes by the contractors, the mitigation of the evils of the milk surplus, the arrangement for the better distribution of milk and the fair dealing of contractors with all producers.

John B. Bowker of Worcester, Herbert Myrick of Springfield, John C. Bartlett of New Market, N. H., L. H. Healey of North Woodstock, Conn., and O. E. Patch of Concord were appointed as a committee to push the work of organizing local sections of the New England Milk Producers' union.

Bond Asked and Refused.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 15.—The board of aldermen gave a hearing last evening on the petition of the Springfield and Southwestern Electric Railway company for a franchise admitting them to entry into the city. The company proposed to deposit with the county treasurer the sum of $125,000, to build a bridge across the Connecticut river, the money to be deposited April 1. The aldermen asked the representative of the company if it would give a bond to guarantee the payment, but this was refused. The aldermen then laid the matter on the table, with the provision that should the company make the deposit or give a bond before Jan. 1 the matter would be taken up and decided, otherwise it will not be acted on.

Roundtree Goes to Jail.

Boston, Dec. 15.—Sylvester Roundtree, who is charged with having murdered Annie White, last Saturday, waived examination in the municipal criminal court yesterday afternoon, and was committed without bail for the January term of the grand jury. Roundtree and the woman are both negroes, who had been living together at the South End. The murder, it is claimed, was the result of jealousy.

Struck by Train and Killed.

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 15.—William Carey, aged 40, was struck by an express train on the Boston and Albany railroad last night, and instantly killed.

Absolutely Pure.

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Is Your Stable Crowded

And more room is needed for your Sleighs?

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MONDAY AND TUESDAY YOU WILL FIND:

Colored China Silk, 10c. a yd.
Outing Flannel, 10c. quality, 5c. per yd.
Bed Blankets, 35c. per pair.
Large size Gingham and White Aprons, 10c. each.
25c. Towels, very large, 9c. each.
27-inch Corduroy, 59c. per yard.

Another lot of China and Japan Mattings, 8c. per yard.

Hundreds of Other Bargains Equally as Good, Nothing Equal to This Sale Has Ever Been Attempted in Lowell.

Big Silver Ware Values Today

1 Bottle Castors, Engraved Bottles, $1.49 to $5.00 each.

Pickle Jars in four colors of glass, 89 cents each.

Napkin Rings from 19 cents to $3.00 each.

Gold Lined Mugs, 19 cents to $2.50 each.

Children's Sets, Knife, Fork and Spoon, 19 cents to $3.00 per set.

Rogers 1847 grade, 6 Knives and 6 Forks, $3.98 per set.

We carry a vast stock of Rogers 1847 ware and The Wm. Rogers goods and will sell silver this week lower than it was ever quoted.

Basement Department

Chocolate Sets, 15 pieces, only $4.98 each.

Tete A Tete Sets, 14 pieces, only $4.98 each.

Fish Sets, 13 pieces, only $6.98 each.

Tea Sets, 9 pieces, only $2.98 each.

Ice Cream Sets, 13 pieces, only $4.89 each.

These sets are the very finest productions of China and prices are way down.

Men's Neckwear

An endless variety of fine neckwear in the very latest styles and colorings. It comprises Tecks, Puffs, Imperials, four in hand and strap bows. Prices are lower than anywhere in Lowell.

Ladies' and Children's Umbrellas.

Ladies' Silk Umbrellas, natural Congo Sticks, $1.25, $1.50 and $1.75 each.

Ladies' Umbrellas, Dresden Heads, close roller, $1.75, $2.25 and $2.50 each.

Ladies' Gold and Silver Trimmed Sticks, $1.50, $1.75, $2 and $3.50 each.

Ladies' Colored Silk Umbrellas, $2.25, $2.50, $3 and $3.50 each.

Gents' Umbrellas with all the natural twists and crooks with silver or gold trimming in all the different kinds of silk, $1.25 up to $5 each.

Colored Dress Goods,

For Monday and Tuesday.

Another lot of All-Wool Serge, the colors are green, brown, navy blue, cadet blue, cardinal, black and garnet, new price, 25c. per yard.

These goods make a very acceptable holiday gift.

25 pieces Novelties, all wool mixtures and plain colors, a great assortment at 39c. per yard.

Our Special Offer Today, 50c on the Dollar.

100 dozen Superior Quality Light Colored Silk Neckwear, elegantly assorted patterns, satin lined in Tecks, four-in-hand and strap bows, worth $4.50 per dozen, wholesale price for this sale only 25 cents each.

Jewelry.

240 dozen Aluminum Hair Pins, warranted not to tarnish, sold all season 10c. per dozen, price to close 7c. per dozen.

1 lot of Rolled Gold Brooches, enameled and set with imitation pearl and brilliants, great value, at 25c. each.

Jeweled Hat Pins from 25c. to 75c. each.

Cloakings and Astrachans at Half Price.

For Monday and Tuesday.

54-inch Cloakings sold for $2.50, new price, $1.25.

50-inch Astrachans, sold for $3, new price $1.75.

Crapet Department,

Tremendous Reductions.

Best 10-wire Tapestry Carpets, regular price 90c., down to 59c. a yard.

Heavy Jointless Matting, regular price 35c., down to 19c. per yard.

Scotch Frilled Muslin for long curtains, regular price 29c., down to 17c. a yard.

1000 Holland Shades, perfect goods, 18c each.

Irish Point Curtains worth $4.50, down to $2.98 a pair.

Nottingham Lace Curtains, worth 49c., down to 25c. a pair.

Another chance to Buy Handkerchiefs

For Little Money Today.

Children's Printed Border Handkerchiefs, 1c., 2c., 3c., 4c., and 5c. each.

Children's Fancy Box Handkerchiefs, 15c., 19c., and 25c. each.

Gent's Printed Border Handkerchiefs, 3 for 25c.

Ladies' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 3 for 25c.

1 lot Ladies' Colored Handkerchiefs, 10c. each.

1 lot of Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs, 10c. each.

Silk and Cashmere Mufflers 38c. each.

1 lot of Silk gauze handkerchiefs, an extraordinary bargain, at 12 1-2 c. each.

Domestic Counter

$1.50 Comforters down to 99 c. each.

11-4 Blankets with colored borders, $3, down to $1.75 a pair.

25 pieces of Elderdown, in white, blue, pink or red, at 25c. a yard.

1 case of remnants of Checked nainsook, 17 c. quality, at 10c. a yard.

1200 yards of double fleeced Cotton Flannel in new colorings, suitable for draperies and linings, at 12 1-2c.

Linen Department.

Embroidered Pillow Shams, at 98c. a pair.

Bureau and Commode Scarfs, and Doylies go with the above at the smallest prices ever quoted. A beautiful assortment, all new designs with double edges.

100 dozen Huck and Pure Linen Towels, extra large, 12 1-2c. each.

We have a few hundred more yards of those fine bleached Linen remnants, worth $1 to $1.25, only 50c. a yard.

Our 49c. Table Linen is the biggest bargain in the market. Anything offered at 75c. elsewhere will not compare with it.

Half a ton weight of 25 cent, 50 cent, 75 cent and $1 goods at one-third to one-half regular prices.

Book Department.

Several Bargains Today.

Emerson's Essays, 3 vol., cloth bound, 69c. per set.

Conan Doyle's Works, 5 vol., cloth bound, 98c. per set.

History of Our Own Times, by Justin McCarty, 2 vol., cloth bound, $1.25 per set.

Elliott's Complete Works, 6 vol., cloth bound, $1.79 per set.

Dumas' Works, 6 vol., cloth bound, $1.98 per set.

Dickens, Thackeray, Irving, Lytton, Carlyle and other popular works will be offered today at wonderfully cut prices.

The Christmas Department of Lowell Is In Our Basement.

Toys hold sway with musical instruments and other Holiday Goods. Games and Dolls having ample space with counter after counter or givable things. Rocking Horses and Sleds, with many other attractive things suitable for Christmas giving, will be found in abundance.

Men's Shirts

A lot of Fancy Bosom Shirts with cuffs to match from $1.00 to 59c. each.

Remnants of Dress Goods.

At your own price to close up, all the season's new goods consisting of plain, figured and mixed novelties, the lengths are 1 1-2 to 5 1-2 yards, the price 9c. to 25c. per yard.

Furniture Department

3 Special Bargains in Sideboards.

1 lot sold to date $17, down to $12 each.

1 lot sold to date $22.50, down to $15 each.

1 lot sold to date $30, down to $20 each.

Men's Underwear.

1 lot of Scarlet Wool Shirts and Drawers, best quality, worth $1.50, down to 98c. each.

1 lot of Extra Quality Merino Shirts and Drawers, white only, 75 cent quality, reduced to 50c. each.

Ladies' Underwear.

100 doz. extra heavy Egyptian Vests and Pants, fleece lined, elegantly trimmed crotchet ribbed Vests, silk facings, pearl buttons, our price on these goods only 29c. each, which is less than cost of production.

Ladies' Gloves.

1 lot Mousquetaire Gloves, plain and embroidered points, reduced from $1.25 to 69c. a pair.

1 lot Glace Kid Gloves, in white, cream and black, reduced from $1 to 49c. a pair.

Leather Goods.

A quantity of imitation seal combination pocketbooks, sterling silver corners, great value at 25c. each.

1 lot of leather lined Boston Bags, sizes 10 and 11, made from good quality fancy cloths, rare value at 98c.

Men's Half Hose.

1 lot imported Merino and Black Cashmere Half Hose, spliced soles and hand finished seams, 50 cent grade, 25 cents a pair.